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Felt from Sicily to the Alps

770 feared killed in strong tremors

NAPLES, Italy, Nov. 24 (Agencies) — A series of devastating earthquakes battered an extensive area of southern Italy Sunday and Monday, killing more than 770 persons, officials reported.

By 2300 GMT, searchers reported recovering 773 bodies from the ruins in cities, towns and villages. In one town alone, Sant'angelo dei Lombardi, in the province of Avellino, 300 persons perished, according to fragmentary reports.

The quake was felt from Sicily to the Alps, but the hardest hit area was northeast of the Bay of Salerno. Over 100 deaths were

reported in the provinces of Salerno and Avellino, while the mountainous interior province of Potenza reported over 50 deaths. Scattered deaths and extensive damage was reported in the province of Caserta.

Premier Arnaldo Forlani called an emergency cabinet meeting, which proclaimed "a day of national mourning," then flew south with Italian President Sandro Pertini to visit the most affected towns.

The army provided 10,000 soldiers to dig through collapsed buildings for stretchers and direct traffic. Hundreds of firefighters from all over Italy were driving to the region to aid rescuers.

In Naples, all schools and most banks, post offices, grocery and clothing stores failed to open Monday. A waiter described how the first shock felt inside the jolly hotel's 30th floor restaurant atop the highest skyscraper in Naples: "I tried to walk forward, but I kept falling back." Lauro Lucio told the Associated Press. "It was like a ship swaying back and forth. I fell on the ground and rolled over. I grabbed onto a pillar to hold on."

More than a million persons were sleeping in the streets of Naples early Monday following the series of earthquakes. Those who considered returning home quickly changed their minds when a new quake struck at 1:45 a.m. Monday. At the first quake, the inhabitants rushed outside their homes and into their cars, causing huge, tangled traffic jams that increased the chaos in Italy's third-largest city.

In the early hours of the morning rescue workers confronted a mass of rubble that had been an apartment building. Forty-nine persons had lived there. Only two have survived, rescuers estimated.

Two of the city's largest hospitals had been completely evacuated, and their patients put into tents, to provide facilities for the injured. All municipal functions had been drafted to tackle the impossible task of directing Naples traffic.

Meanwhile in Potenza, southeast of here, it was learned that the first rescue teams had arrived early Monday in Balvano, a village of 2,500 inhabitants affected most heavily by Sunday night's earthquakes. Fifty persons were killed when a church collapsed on them. Most of the victims were adolescents attending a mass.

"When I arrived on the scene," a police officer said, "dozens of people were wandering in the streets shouting and crying. Piles of rocks that had fallen from the mountain blocked the streets, which were lined with houses half-destroyed by the earthquakes."

Balvano mayor confirmed that 50 per cent of his town's dwellings had been levelled. Water and electricity were off although telephone lines were still intact, which had enabled local officials to call for help.



VISITED: King Khalid receives local chiefs and notables who came to greet him Monday. The King departed later in the day King Abdul Aziz Naval Base in Jubail.

For 11th summit

Leaders arrive in Amman

AMMAN, Nov. 24 (AP) — Arab leaders began arriving Monday in the Jordanian capital for the 11th Arab League summit. Sultan Qaboos Bin Said of Oman and Somalia President Said Barre were the first of an estimated 16 kings, princes, sheikhs and heads of state to arrive in Amman, Jordanian officials said.

Syria, Libya and other hardline states were expected to boycott the meeting and possibly hold a rival summit in the near future.

King Hussein greeted arriving leaders at Amman's international airport, which has

been closed to commercial air traffic until the summit ends on Thursday.

The purpose of the summit is to adopt a plan for a short-term political strategy to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict and agree on a long-term economic policy that will shift the focus of Arab investment from the West to the Mideast.

But the shadow of the Gulf war and the new American administration of President-elect Ronald Reagan are expected to dominate the behind-closed-doors talks.

Some independent sources suggested the Arab leaders will explore a "positive alternative" to President Carter's Camp David concept of limited autonomy for the 1.5 million Palestinians living in Israeli-occupied territory. But one conference official said "it is unrealistic to expect the Americans to undo the Egypt-Israeli peace treaty."

Instead, the Arabs will likely try to convince Reagan to abandon the U.S.-mediated Palestinian autonomy talks with Egypt and Israel in favor of trying to arrange an all-party conference similar to the Geneva peace conference of 1973, attended by both the United States and the Soviet Union before its collapse.

"It is premature to expect the Arab leaders to formulate a detailed plan," said one conference official. "They will try to evaluate and endorse privately ideas, approaches and possible contacts."

Developing a Mideast peace strategy, however, would be difficult if the PLO failed to send a representative since that commando organization is recognized by all Arab states as the only legitimate representative of the Palestinians.

The PLO executive committee met in Damascus Monday to decide on whether to attend.

Syria demanded a one or two months postponement of the conference because of the divisions resulting from the Iran-Iraq war.

MEA to buy 5 European A-310 planes

BEIRUT, Nov. 24 (R) — Middle East Airlines (MEA) said it decided to buy five European Airbus A-310 wide-bodied aircraft at a total cost of some \$350 million with an option of 14 more.

MEA said three European financial institutions will back the purchase of the first five aircraft with \$280 million and the remaining 70 million being raised by a consortium of banks.

Airline officials said if the options were taken up the total of 19 aircraft would cost about \$1.2 billion.

MEA said Airbus Industrie won the contract in competition with Boeing Company. Airline sources said the first five planes are scheduled for delivery between 1983 and 1985. MEA, which at present has a predominant Boeing fleet, has been considering the Boeing 767 as the alternative to the Airbus, the sources said.

Cairo cancels water offer to Tel Aviv

CAIRO, Nov. 24 (AP) — President Anwar Sadat Sunday withdrew an Egyptian offer to supply Israel with Nile waters in return for regaining sovereignty over east Jerusalem. In a nationally televised address to parliament, Sadat said he had made the offer during a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin in the Sinai capital of Al Arish last year.

"Our national and religious aspirations are not for sale particularly in Jerusalem which would remain the capital of Israel," Sadat quoted Begin as responding to his proposal at the time.

After Carter's defeat in the presidential elections, a summit is expected to be held in Washington with President-elect Ronald Reagan replacing Carter sometime after the change of the American administration is completed Jan. 20.

"After Begin's refusal, I say we have no obligation to make the offer and the man (Begin) rejected it," Sadat said. The Egyptian president said he made the offer to "facilitate" reaching a comprehensive settlement with Israel and to show the Arabs, who broke off relations with Egypt for his peace moves with the Jewish state, that Cairo was ready to "sacrifice" for the sake of the Palestinian cause.

The withdrawal of the offer came after stiff opposition at home and in Ethiopia. Local opposition argued that Egypt is in dire need for every drop of the Nile waters to irrigate its deserts, which forms more than 95 per cent of its size.

In addition to some independents, the opposition against Sadat's proposal was launched by the Labor Party which has 30 seats of the 392-man parliament and the Progressive Party which has none.

Iraq claims major battlefield victory

BEIRUT, Nov. 24 (AP) — Iraq claimed major battlefield victory against Iran Monday as U.N. special envoy Olaf Palme wound up a week-long trip to the two warring Gulf countries and left for Geneva with no apparent hope for an early ceasefire.

Baghdad radio said the former Swedish prime minister jettied out of the Iraqi capital after another lengthy session with Iraqi Vice Premier Tariq Aziz on ways of ending the conflict that has moved into its 10th week.

But reporters in Baghdad said Palme drove to the desert Iraqi airstrip of Rutbah, 280

kilometer east of the capital, to board his private U.N. jet.

As he flew out war communiques reported Iran's Abadan oil refinery and Iraq's major oil-terminal of Fao in flames from renewed air and artillery bombardment as the war on the Gulf's northern flank entered its 10th week.

Palme who heads Sweden's opposition Socialist Party met twice in Baghdad Sunday with Aziz and then with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. He told reporters afterward it was too early for him to try to arrange a

ceasefire.

Palme is due to go from Geneva to New York to report to U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim on the outcome of his talks with Iraqi and Iranian leaders.

According to officials in Baghdad, Palme was told Iraq would stop shooting once Iran recognized Iraq's full sovereignty over disputed land borders and Shatt Al Arab waterway.

Iran told the envoy it will consider a ceasefire only when Iraqi forces are driven out from Iran's coast of Shatt Al Arab and all other war-conquered territory in western and southwestern Iran.

Iran also claimed Monday 450 Iraqi troops were killed and 80 tanks "annihilated" in crushing a new Iraqi offensive against the key highway town of Susangerd in Iran's southwestern oil province of Khuzistan.

Iran's President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr and Chief of Staff Gen. Vahidollah Falahe described as a major military victory a two-day battle to prevent Iraqi infantry and armor from storming the hard pressed city anew.

Iraq, conceding no loss to Iran, claimed its paratroopers pushed back counterattack by Iranian forces in the strategic highlands that command the main highway routes from Iran's western border to the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, killing 145 enemy troops.

"An outstanding success," said Bani-Sadr of the Susangerd battle. "An enemy brigade has been destroyed. Between 400 and 450 enemy troops were killed and there are many unclaimed bodies on the battlefield." Iran's official news agency Pars, which interviewed Bani-Sadr in an undisclosed area close to Susangerd in Khuzistan, also quoted the president as claiming 20 Iraqi tanks were destroyed in Sunday's action on the city's northwestern outskirts.

Tank-led Iraqi forces penetrated Susangerd last Monday but were driven out in the fiercest street battles reported by the two sides in the 64-day-old war.

On the diplomatic front, Iran's emissaries sought to drum up support among progressive Arab countries.

Iran's Ambassador to Kuwait Ali Shams Ardakani was in Aden Monday, explaining Iran's side of the war to the leaders of South Yemen. An official announcement in Aden said South Yemen President Ali Nasser Muhammad called on both Iran and Iraq to stop the war and start negotiations.

In 17 U.S. cities

Pro-Arab drive organized

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (Special) — Warning of an intensified campaign of anti-Arab propaganda, the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) has announced its winter 1980-81 program to organize a nation-wide effort to combat media stereotyping and discrimination against Americans of Arab descent.

To launch the campaign, ADC has scheduled founding dinners in 17 major cities with large concentrations of Arab-Americans, including key areas in Michigan, Ohio, California, Texas, Pennsylvania, and Florida. The ADC estimates that there are over two million U.S. citizens of Arabic descent.

The outreach dinners being organized by ADC seek to invite the active support of the Arab-American community for ADC's program to secure fair treatment of Arabs and Arab-Americans in the media, employment, education, and political life.

James G. Abourezk, former U.S. senator from South Dakota from 1972-1978, and James J. Zogby, former executive director of the Palestine Human Rights Campaign, are organizing directors of the Washington-based organization.

Abourezk says discrimination against Arab-Americans is a "reality in America" and says "it is time to challenge the treatment of Arabs and Arab-Americans in the media." He blames the media for stereotyping Arabs and making them as "convenient scapegoat for the nation's economic ills."

He also pointed to the FBI ABSCAM

investigation that led to "encouragement of stereotyping of Arabs as irresponsible sheikhs. The press, both print and electronic, instead of discouraging such racist stereotyping, not only encourage it but seem to revel in it," says Abourezk, whose parents are immigrants from Lebanon.

"The FBI used Arabs in the scam operation because the media accuses them, among other things, of buying up America," continues Abourezk. "But the leading investors in the United States are the Dutch (\$9 billion), followed by British (\$7.4 billion), the Canadians (\$6.5 billion), the Germans (\$3.3 billion), the Swiss (\$2.7 billion), and the Japanese (\$2.6 billion). According to Abourezk, Arab investments in the U.S. amount to less than one billion."

"Arab-Americans have suffered from this discrimination," says Abourezk. "Arab jokes are seen frequently on TV, and editorial cartoonists always depict Arabs as greedy oil sheikhs. The media seems to ignore the contributions that Arabs have made to civilizations and Arab-Americans have made to America."

"We are going to fight this discrimination with organization and communication with the media and the American public," says Abourezk.

The ADC, a non-political and non-sectarian organization headquartered in Washington, D.C., seeks to advance the aims and work of all Arab-Americans and to fight stereotyping of Arabs in the media and discrimination against Arab-Americans in employment, education and political life.

Khaled opens \$534m base

Al Khobar Bureau

JUBAIL, Nov. 24 — A naval base charged with protecting the Kingdom's interests off the Gulf coast of the Eastern Province was dedicated by King Khalid here Monday. Covering 26 square kilometers, the installation also aims to protect the country's ports and ensure the safety of incoming and outgoing vessels.

The base, named after King Abdul Aziz, also will operate patrols in the Kingdom's territorial waters and "sweep" the waterways leading to the coast, according to the commander, Col. Badr Saleh Al-Saleh.

Support for Air Force and Coast Guard search and rescue operations also is planned. And the base will provide combat training both along the coast and in the Gulf to raise the capabilities of naval units.

Hundreds of Saudi flags, royal insignias and navy flags lined the avenue leading to dedication plaza when King Khalid's motorcade arrived. The seaside dedication plaza is a large tiled circle 100 meters across, with a monument in the center. The monument is made up of two huge anchors and a ship's wheel under a partial dome.

Saudi Arabia has ordered nine patrol gunboats and four patrol chasers from the United States for the naval base, which is the Kingdom's major naval base in the Arabian Gulf. Saudi Arabia has also ordered six support and supply ships from France.

Presently the base is the home for several American-made minesweepers and German-made torpedo boats.

Training at the base takes place five days a week. However, the base has been on 24-hour alert since the Gulf war broke out.

Included in the installation is a naval port with docks equipped with fuel, water and electric power. A ship repair yard with cranes capable of lifting vessels from the sea to drydock also is located nearby.

An advanced Naval Studies Unit, repair workshops and a central catering and supply unit — to service other bases as well — all are on location.

Housing for base officers and enlisted men has been provided, with 716 units set for married personnel. The base has its own kindergarten, and primary and intermediate schools, which can handle a total of nearly 2,000 boys and girls.

Rounding out the installation's facilities are: a 500-bed hospital, under construction; five mosques; a central library; a central market; a post, telephone and telegraph center; several clubs; facilities for various sports and hobbies; a water purification plant.

Also under construction are a one million gallon per day desalination plant and a 7,000-seat stadium.

The base has started two years ago a tree-planting program, and 940 saplings already are in the ground.

At the dedication ceremony, King Khalid pressed a button unveiling the memorial plaque for the base. He then hoisted the flag of the naval forces, officially proclaiming the installation's inauguration.

The King was met on his arrival at the base by Crown Prince Fahd, Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan, Sheikh Othman Al-Hamid, an aide to the defense minister, Chief of the General Staff, Gen. Muhammad Al Hammadi, Commander of the Naval Forces, Col. Muhammad Al Barakat, and the base commander, Col. Saleh.

King Khalid, accompanied by Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah and other princes and senior officials, then inspected parts of the base, including the training institute and the children's schools. He also performed noon prayers at the base.

The base, which took South Korean com-

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Israeli troops break up W. Bank demonstration

BIR ZEIT, Occupied West Bank Nov. 24 (AP) — Israeli troops broke up a demonstration by 200 Palestinian students at Bir Zeit University Monday. Several hundred soldiers and border police in riot gear sealed off this village near Ramallah and expelled Western reporters by force.

The incident came just two days after military authorities allowed the university to reopen. It had been closed for seven days as punishment for holding a "Palestine Week" exhibition of nationalist literature and art.

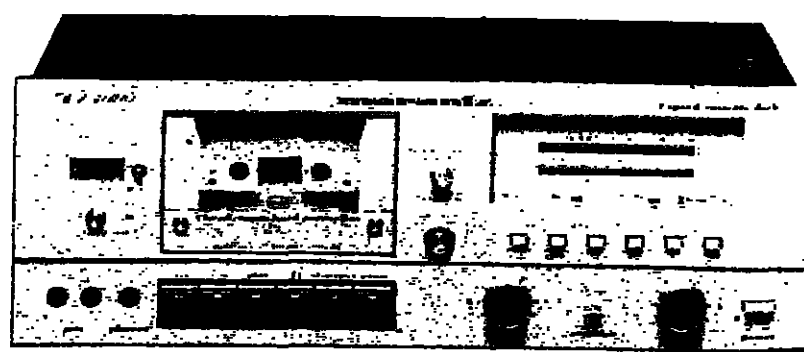
The closure was seen as another Israeli

attempt to suppress Palestinian nationalist sentiment and it set off a wave of demonstrations in the West Bank in which 11 Palestinian students were injured by Israeli bullets.

Shots echoed through Bir Zeit and two loud bangs, apparently from tear gas canisters, were heard. Students could be seen racing across an open road and ducking between houses, seeking the relative safety of the university campus.

The Israeli military governor of the West Bank Brig. Gen. Binyamin Ben Eliezer said later that "no one" was injured.

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Agricultural projects licensed

RIYADH, Nov. 24 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh issued licenses for building nine poultry farm projects Monday. The farms will be located in Taif, Hail, Medina, Mecca, Washem, Qatif and Tabuk, it was reported.

The minister also approved establishment of four greenhouses for vegetable produces in Kharij and Abha, and two for raising cattle also in Kharij. The total cost of these projects to be carried out by the private sector amounted to SR248.6 million.

These projects include a chicken farm in Beni Omar, Taif, with an annual production capacity of 450,000 chickens. Another farm will be built in Taif, Mecca Road, to produce 25.9 million eggs a year. Among the chicken farms, Mecca's farm will operate at annual capacity of three million chickens and four million eggs; while a 3.67-million chicken annual capacity farm will be built in Medina.

In Qatif, a smaller farm of 188,100 chickens per year will be built in the Eastern Province; and a 287,280 chicken per annum farm in Hail and 14.5 million eggs annually will be located in Tabuk for the Northern Region. The remaining two will be located at Ushaigar in Washem area with an annual production of 1.2 million birds, and a 17.6 million eggs capacity farm in Sudair.

The green houses in Kharij include a wheat and vegetable farm that will produce 1,365 tons of wheat and 4,225 tons of vegetables annually. Another farm will produce 750 tons of cucumber and 750 tons of tomato. A third farm has an area of 400 hectares for wheat produce. The green house of Abha will



Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh be a nursery that will produce 150,000 fruit seedlings annually.

The projects will include two cow-raising farms in Kharij, Khureis road, with a combined capacity of 1,500 heads of cattle a year.

Few days ago, the agriculture minister approved the establishment of five greenhouses in Kharij and Qatif. Licenses for these project were issued Saturday. In the same day, a poultry farm for Huraimila was okayed.

The three projects will cost SR106 million.

Jeddah to get open heart surgery unit

JEDDAH, Nov. 24 (SPA) — The Kingdom will open a division for open-heart surgery at the new Jeddah Clinic with the assistance of the Republic of China, Health Minister Dr. Hussain Al-Jazairi said Monday.

The government of China will provide qualified doctors and the technicians to operate the wing temporarily, and help with the preparation of a Saudi Arabian team of doctors to take over the open heart surgery division, the minister said. There are several qualified national physicians at present, he added.

Dr. Jazairi said that the five newly-completed hospitals are managed by Saudi Arabians who have acquired public hospital management masters degrees.

Meanwhile, the Chinese director general of health, C.M. Wang, who is in Jeddah presently, visited a medical center in the company of Western Region Health Director Dr. Abbas Mazouqi.

Soliman meets Siringer
AL-KHOBAR, Nov. 24 (SPA) — The Commerce Minister said he has noticed Austria's keenness on promoting trade in Saudi Arabia.

Dr. Soliman A. Solaim made the statement Sunday after meeting with Rudolf Siringer, head of Austria's Chamber of Commerce. Siringer opened the Austrian National Exhibition in Jeddah.

Siringer told Solaim that Austrian firms were looking forward for greater participation in the Kingdom's development projects. Austria is eager to promote and expand the scope of trade with the Kingdom he added.

Prayer Times

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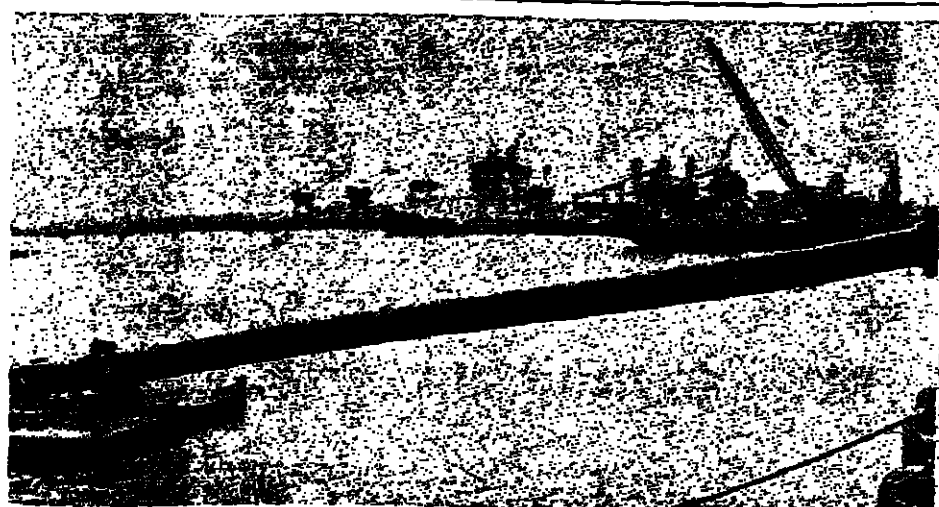
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Jubail pact for \$40m concluded

By a Staff Writer

SINGAPORE, Nov. 24 — A \$40 million port management contract has been obtained from Jubail by the International Port Managers here, according to *Business Times* published Monday. The three-year contract will be for managing, operating and the upkeep of a container and roll-on-roll-off terminal. One of the directors of the firm which hopes for more contracts from the Middle East, is Chung Kek Choo who was advisor in Lagos under a United Nations aid program.

The Jubail commercial port already has cost SR15 billion. It has 16 quays including two for containers and roll-on-roll-off goods. They are 500-meters long. In addition, the industrial port will have a number of quays specially built for the various industries to be constructed in the area. The port also is one of the major reasons for choosing Jubail as the site for the Eastern Region's industrial complex, since the facilities can easily be accommodated to the needs of modern shipping.



PORT: Ships berth at one of the many quays in service at Jubail port.

Work on the port began five years ago when the Saudi Arabian Port Authority appointed the London firm of Sire William Halcrow and Partners to act as consulting engineers for design and construction.

The task was immense—designing a port and a series of navigable channels to handle the latest in modern shipping in an area that was nine kilometers away from the nearest deep water capable of handling modern ships. But this was fortunate because at other sites in the region, the deep water (deeper than 20 meters) is even farther from shore.

The breakwaters, built by the South Korean firm of Hyundai Construction, now reach out the full length to the deep water, and ships have been using the port facilities for more than a year and a half. The port has more than four kilometers of deep water quay, with berths for 30 deep water ships, dredged to 12 and 14 meters below water level.

The commercial port will include cranes with a lifting capacity of 100 tons, a separate container terminal with separate berths and storage areas for general cargoes and containers, as well as a vast number of maintenance facilities.

UPM awards degree in engineering

DHAHRAN, Nov. 24 (SPA) — The University of Petroleum and Minerals of Dhahran granted a Masters degree in civil engineering to Ahmad Saad Al-Qahtani Monday.

Qahtani presented his thesis on the rusting and corrosion reinforcement bars in the Eastern Province, and environmental challenge phenomenon. The thesis was discussed by a committee formed for the purpose and the degree was granted.

Meanwhile, a seminar under the theme "Muslim Youth Programs in Contemporary Media" will be held Tuesday evening at the Shari'a College here. It will be attended by Dr. Ibrahim Imam, the head of the information section at Al-Azhar university who is a visiting professor at Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University.

The seminar also will be attended by Othman Al-Saad, assistant to the vice president of the Youth Welfare Organization, and Akran Saleh and Moolen, a former radio announcer in London and information expert in the Kingdom.

In a separate development, Hassan Abdul-lah Al-Qirashi, was elected president of Jeddah's literary club Sunday.

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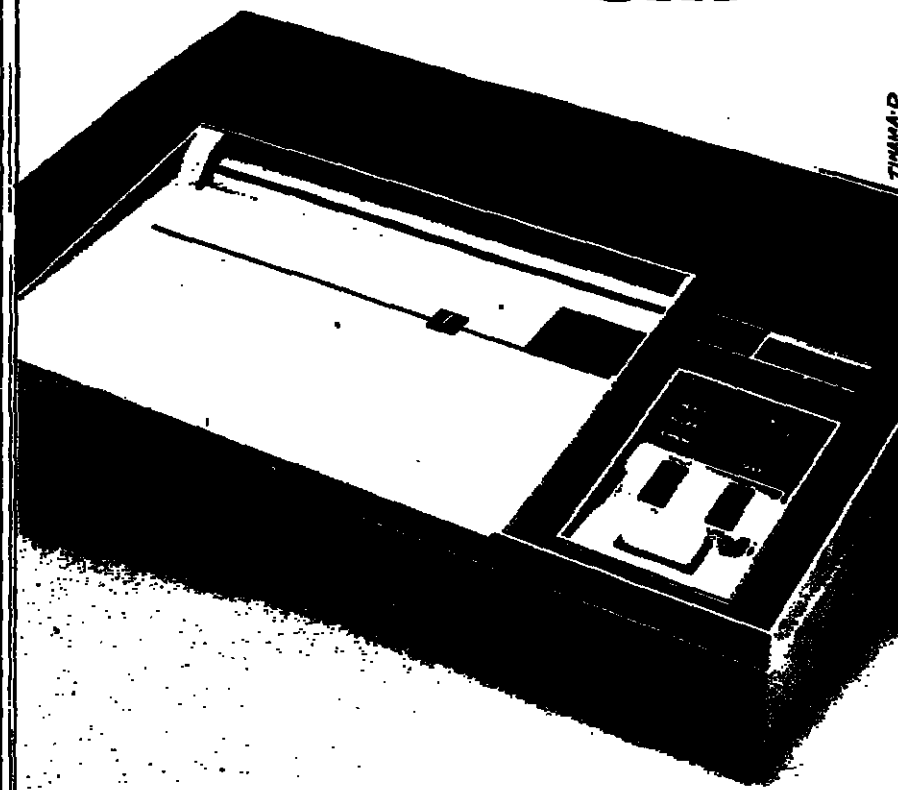


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Authorities impound fake perfume

JEDDAH, Nov. 24 — The Ministry of Commerce has impounded a large quantity of perfume imported from south East Asia on suspicion of being imitations of well-known

European and American brands. The anti-fraud department has been interrogating the importers after charging them with deliberately trying to cheat the consumers.

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COMMENT

By Abdul Rahman Saad Al Samari
Al Jazirah

We know that private hospitals and clinics in Riyadh refuse to admit children after the end of the evening shift, however, sick the patient might be. They say they do not have a children's doctor after that time. Government-run hospitals close after the evening prayers. As a result, worried parents must take their sick children to the only children's hospitals in that region, the only one in the capital.

Once they arrive there they find that they have to stand in a line that stretches from outside the doctor's door to the outside perimeter of the hospital. It may take hours before they are finally admitted to the doctor's office which leaves a lot to be desired.

The examination is so routine that the parents have learned it by heart. He presses the child's belly, takes a look at his tongue and writes a prescription that appears to be identical to that given to those who had gone before and those who follow. You go to the pharmacy to collect the drugs. And even before showing the man the prescription, he hands you the drugs and to your surprise, you find that

he was quite right — if he had read it in advance.

This means that you go into the hospital and leave it without being asked any questions about the child you are carrying.

By Adnan Kamel Salah
Al Medina

For those people like me living close to airports, reports about moving to the new international airport near Obbar are quite interesting because of the incessant noise and the hardships caused by a busy airport.

This was made worse by reading a report about the health conditions of families living in the vicinity of the Los Angeles airport. The study revealed that they actually lost a few years of their lives because of their subjection to such noise made by aircraft takeoffs.

Those living close to the airport suffered a higher percentage of killer diseases than those living six miles away. They had heart troubles, attacks, liver sclerosis, and had to use ever increasing quantities of tranquilizers. The percentage of deaths rose sharply the figure of those because of such noise induced diseases rose to 890 compared with 760 in the other suburb.



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David Steel calls for Palestine state

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LONDON, Nov. 24 — A call for a Palestinian sovereign state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip linked by something similar to the "Berlin Corridor", was made by leader of the British Liberal Party, David Steel, with four leading party members, in a report published here last week.

"The Palestinians must first establish a sovereign state, and then decide what they wish to do with that sovereignty", Steel said at a press conference in London last week. "They may decide to ally with Israel, or with Jordan or keep their independence; that is up to them."

Steel's remarks expressed the unanimous views of a five-man Liberal Party fact-finding mission which visited the Middle East last September and October. The delegation, which included Steel and three other Liberal members of parliament, visited Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, the occupied West Bank and Egypt, over a two-week period. Discussions were held with government members, including heads of state, and representatives of many political groups, in order to reach a balanced assessment of the Middle East conflict.

But the delegation's recommendations published as "The Middle East Report" do not represent the policy of the Liberal Party

as a whole, Steel emphasized. The current issue of the Liberal Party newspaper, *Liberal News*, in which the report is published, contains a letter from five of the Liberal Party's twelve MPs further emphasizing this point. The report is to be debated by the Liberal Party Foreign Affairs Committee before the new year, but no consensus on the Middle East is expected until the party assembly next November.

Steel said the year ahead is likely to see a lack of progress on the political issues of the Middle East, because of the new administration in the United States and the forthcoming Israeli elections. In view of this vacuum, the European powers should take the opportunity to enlarge upon the Venice initiative and prepare the ground for a Geneva-style conference to be held late next year, and to include the Palestine Liberation Organization, the U.S. and the USSR. "A new factor is the European determination to come in to secure peace higher up the international political agenda," said Steel.

Before a Palestinian state can come about, a two-stage operation must take place, Steel said. The PLO must withdraw its statement of intent to destroy Israel, and Israel must formally recognize the PLO.

But Steel left little doubt that it is to the PLO that the delegation looks to make the first move, if only because this would be the least unlikely event. He expressed doubt that the Begin government would ever recognize the PLO until their declaration on the destruction of Israel had been abandoned. However he indicated there were grounds for



David Steel

optimism in PLO leader Yasser Arafat's reply when he was asked whether the PLO would recognize Israel. Arafat's words were: "I cannot say at present — this is a card for the Security Council". At the same meeting Arafat denied that the PLO was committed to destroy Israel, or that the Charter of the PLO should be interpreted as saying this according to the report.

Jerusalem cannot be the sole territorial preserve of Israel and the Jerusalem bill can have no international validity, the report states. Universal religious access must be maintained and repatriation of the city is unacceptable, although Israel should be permitted to establish its capital in Western Jerusalem, and a Palestinian state its capital in the east, if they so wish. Internationalization of Jerusalem would be a firm second best, Steel commented.

The report recommends that the Golan Heights should be effectively demilitarized and be subject to international agreement. It should be policed by either a bi-national force or an international force deployed by the United Nations.

Sadat warns Reagan against hardline policy toward Egypt

CAIRO, Nov. 24 (AP) — President Anwar Sadat has been quoted as warning that U.S. President-elect Ronald Reagan would "lose Egypt and our sympathy" if he adopted a hardline policy toward Egypt. Sadat made the warning during an interview with Eleanor Gordan, published Sunday by the American newspapers, *Daily Herald* and *South Misisipi Blank*. An Arabic summary was published here by the Middle East News Agency.

"We are sincere friends and when we extend our hands we want the other party to be candid with us and respect our pride and ambitions," Sadat added.

Sadat said one of the main reasons for "misunderstanding and confrontation" between Egypt and Washington in the past was due to attempts by late U.S. President Lyndon Johnson and Secretary of State John Fos-

ter Dulles to turn Egypt into an "agent" that should carry out U.S. orders or face the loss of American economic aid.

Sadat was quoted earlier this month by American publishers of the National Newspaper Association as saying that he would tell Reagan "go to hell" if he adopted the hardline approach of Dulles in asking Egypt for military bases.

He was referring to Dulles' withdrawal of U.S. offer to help finance the High Dam at Aswan in June 1956 to force Egypt's President Jamal Abdul Nasser to provide the United States with military bases. The move led Nasser to turn to the Soviets who built the dam for him.

Sadat said in the interview with the American publisher that he hoped Reagan would not adopt such rigid attitude because Egypt is only ready to give military "facilities."

Numeiri concludes visit

Sudan, Ethiopia to boost ties

ADDIS ABABA, Nov. 24 (Agencies) — The governments of Sudan and Ethiopia have signed a declaration on basic principles of friendly relations and cooperation, completing the process of normalization between the two countries.

"They signed the declaration after noting with satisfaction the rapid consolidation and expansion of their relations in all fields," according to a joint communique released simultaneously here and in Khartoum Sunday.

The announcement followed a five-day official visit to Ethiopia by Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri which ended Sunday.

Sudan and Ethiopia pledged to stop subversive activities against each other including border infiltrations, signed a trade protocol for 1981 and agreed to hold regular consultations on issues of "direct and common interest."

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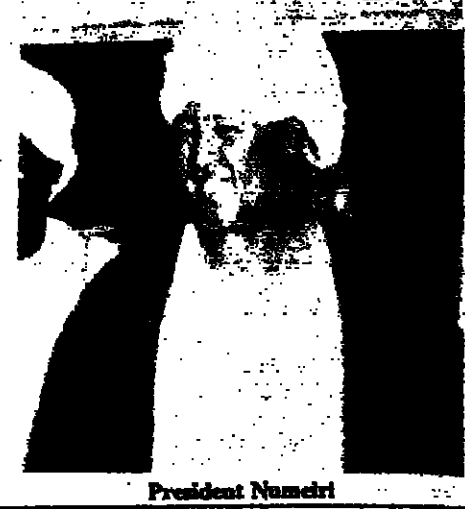
The two countries also said they have agreed to respect bilateral, regional and international agreements and resolutions issued by the Organization of African Unity.

Begin's party expels Weizman

TEL AVIV, Nov. 24 (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's ruling Herut Party has voted to expel its renegade member Ezer Weizman, after he announced plans to form a new political party to challenge Begin in national elections.

The party secretariat said Sunday that it decided on the expulsion after Weizman voted against the government last Wednesday in the censure motion put forward by the opposition Labor Party.

Weizman, former defense minister, announced last Friday that he would leave the Herut to set up a new party.



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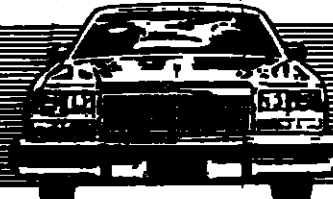
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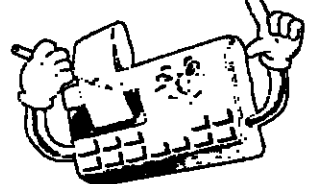
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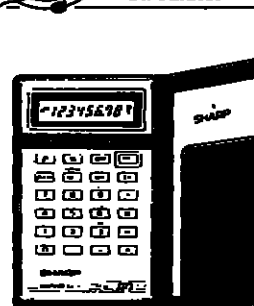
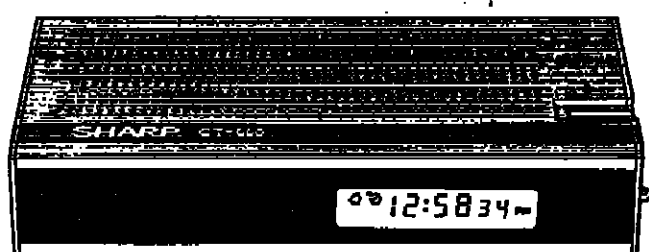
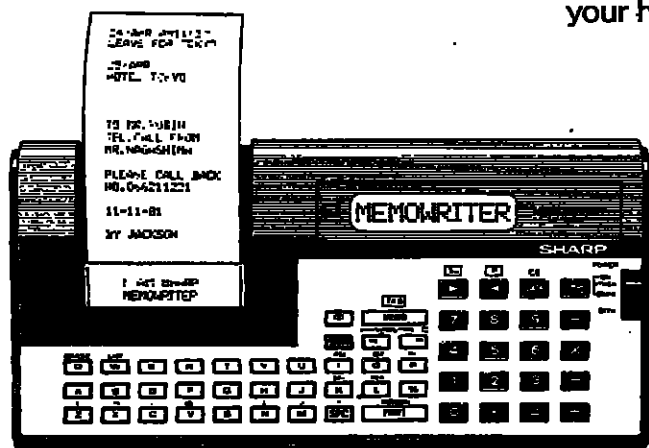
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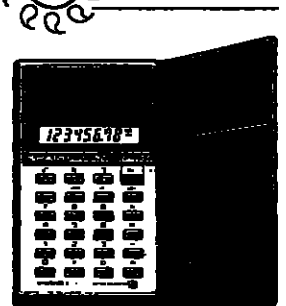


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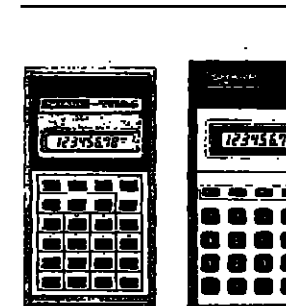
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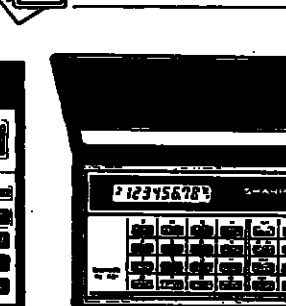
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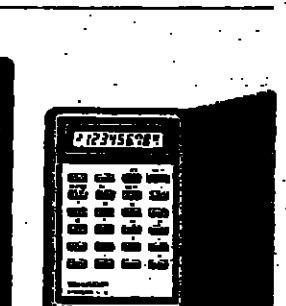
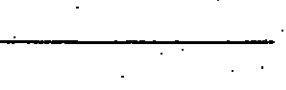
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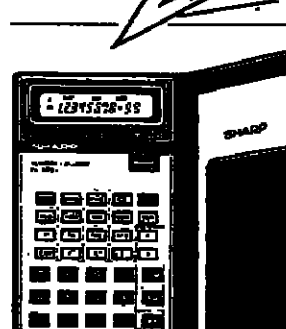
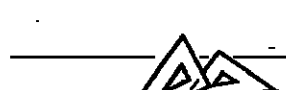
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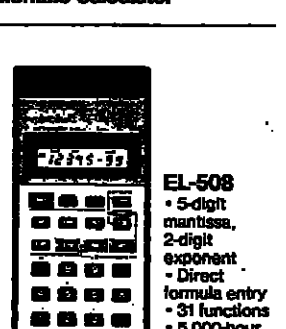
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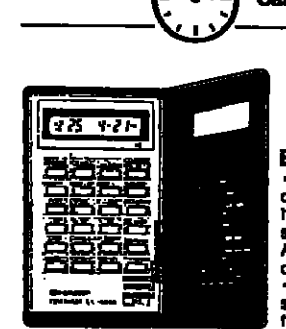
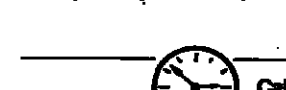
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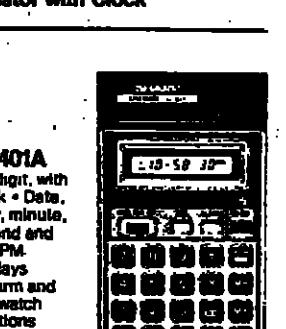
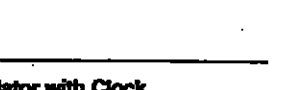
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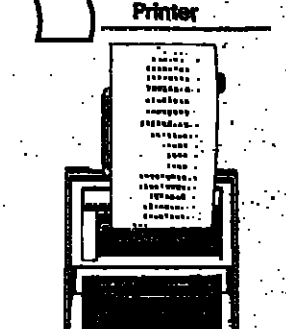
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By Leo Jamoud

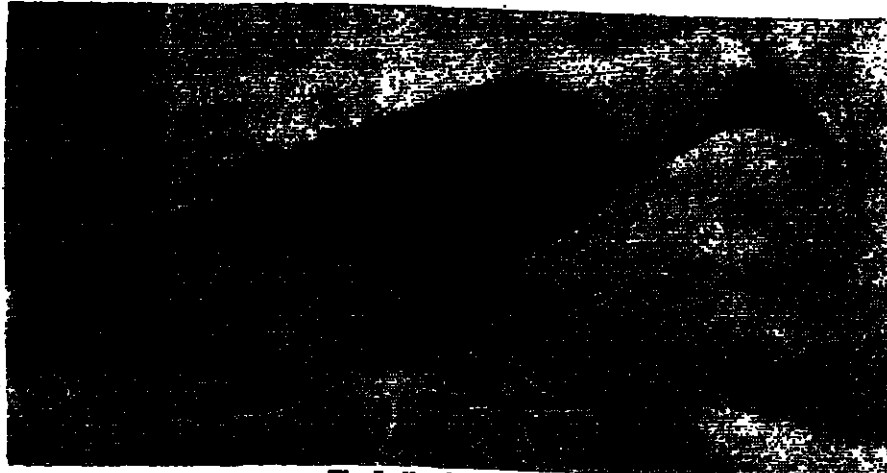
Inland Birds of Saudi Arabia, By Jill Silsby
— IMMEL Publishing, London 1980

Saudi Arabia is certainly better known for the colors of its fishes in the sea than the colors of its birds in the sky. Yet we knew it would come. We were all waiting for it. At last it is here: Jill Silsby's *Inland Birds of Saudi Arabia*.

The book is both an elegant and very colorful publication, and a fascinating scientific and detailed study of the avifauna to the area which will delight bird watchers in the Kingdom.

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According to the British author, Saudi Arabia is a great meeting place for African,



The Indian House Crow

The book is a symphony of color throughout. Colors are in the names as well as in the photographs: white-throated and black-throated, blue-cheeked, yellow-vented, white-eared, red-rumped, violet-backed, great-grey and lesser-grey, or white-crowned and red-tailed, short-toed and lesser short-toed.

There are babblers and cuckoos, martins, crows and starlings, shrikes and hypocoelous. In the "Exotic Birds" chapter we find the ever intriguing hoopoe, the unbelievably blue-cheeked green Little Green-bee-Eater and the kingfishers that Lord Tennyson called "the secret splendour of the brooks." From the raptorial birds and the tall herons, to the tiny warblers and sunbirds, who would have thought so many beautiful creatures were flying over our heads? Or nesting at the fold of the sand hills, in the thorn bushes or even on the sea?

Jilly Silsby resided in Riyadh for nearly three years and her numerous trips to various regions of the Kingdom and neighboring countries enabled her to personally observe and record most of the birds mentioned in this book. Again and again she takes us to that part of Asir around Abha where the mountains are wild and dotted with grey juniper. She was also fortunate to use information and photographs from other keen bird-watchers who had been in areas she was not able to cover herself.

The book is arranged into fourteen chapters, in which related birds are presented together. For each species Mrs. Silsby gives size, wingspan, (in inches and centimeters) and an outline description including identification, habitat and status. By "status," she means "residential status," indicating whether the bird is a permanent dweller in the Kingdom or a simple visitor coming to enjoy the winter months. The Latin specific name follows in italics and is always binominal.

The book ends with three most useful

appendices. One gives the status and seasonal sightings of birds in Central Arabia and the Peninsula, the second is dedicated to the Riyadh area and the third lists the birds found in the Peninsula, but generally not in the center of Arabia.

Jilly Silsby does not pretend to be a professional "in the most exacting sense of the word," and she does not claim to be infallible. She studied social sciences, not ornithology. But birds have been an absorb-

ing interest for much of her life. To bird observation she recently added bird photography. But photographing birds is not easy.

Like fish, birds seldom wait to pose for the photographer. Most of the kingfisher's acrobatics, for instance, are too fast to spot even with the human eye. Telescopic lenses have a tendency to give blurred image. Hence the uneven quality of the photographs. Making allowances for the fact that there is probably nothing more elusive than birds — other than fish — and assuming Mrs. Silsby was working alone without the resources of a National Geographic team, her results have to be admired. The quality of the printing and the color rendition are generally excellent and the results will certainly satisfy the needs of the birdwatcher if not always meeting the demanding standard of the photography critic.

We are looking forward to seeing *Inland Birds of Saudi Arabia* in the windows of Jeddah's bookshops. As HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, president of the World Wildlife Fund, says in the foreword: "... this book fills a big gap and I am sure it will be welcomed by everyone interested in birds and particularly by those who find themselves working in or visiting the Arabian peninsula."



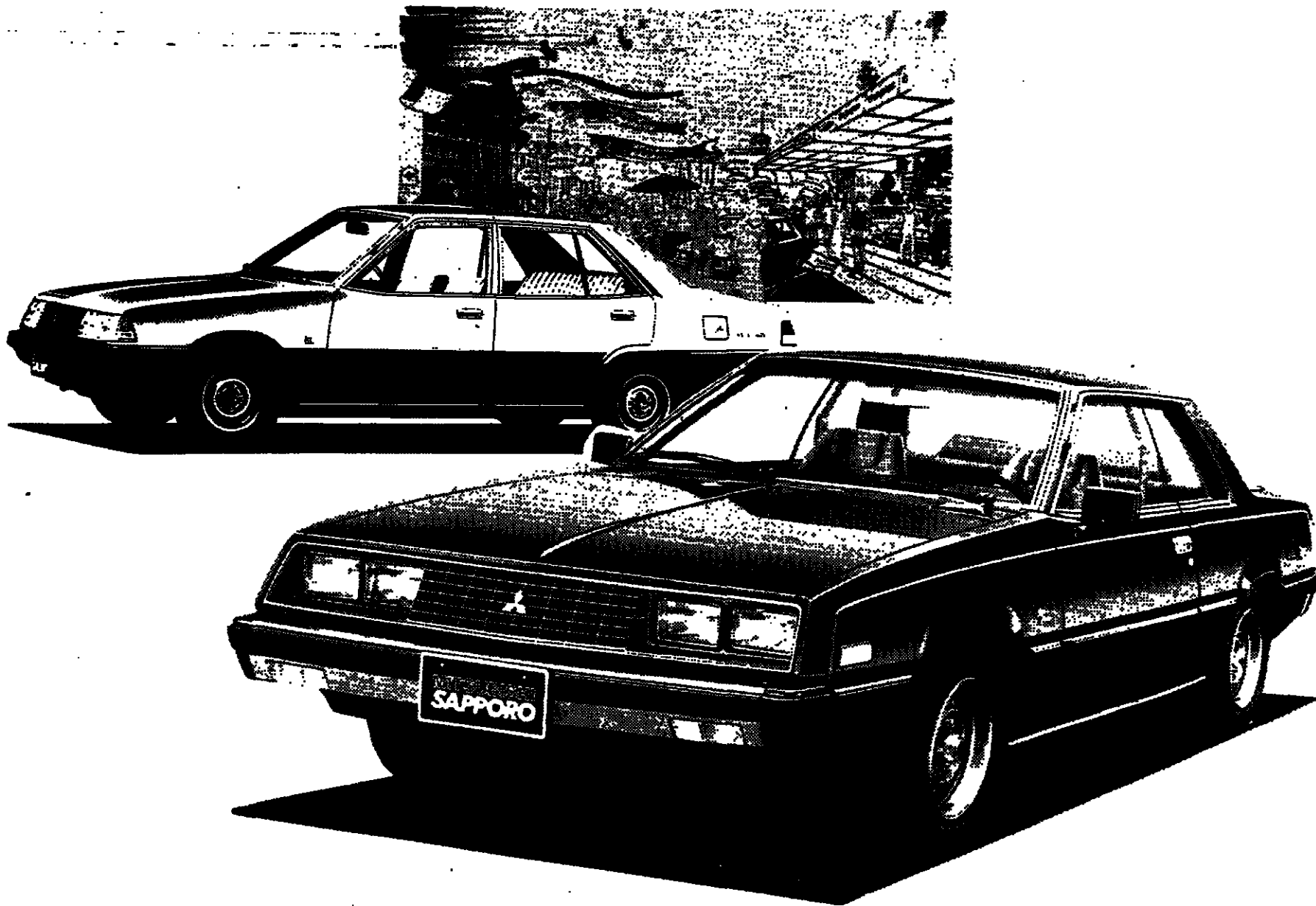
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East Europe edgy at Reagan victory

By Mark Frankland

WARSAW — There is no doubt that most of the Poles waiting in the small hours of Nov. 5 at the American embassy's election results party were hoping for a Carter victory. This country has problems enough for the next few years without the increase in East-West tension that Poles, and other East Europeans, fear may be the result of a Reagan administration.

Whatever a conservative America may feel about détente, East Europeans are well aware of the benefits in it for them. The last decade has given them greater access to Western technology and credits essential to the modernization of their now hesitant economies. Just as important, greater freedom of travel and other contacts have allowed them to feel more European and given them at least a taste of normalcy.

The process has been uneven. Poland and Hungary have seized the opportunities. The Czechoslovak regime, hardline but unsure of itself, has tended to treat them as traps.

A return to something like a cold war would hurt all of East Europe. None of the governments can afford greater military spending. Some would find it difficult, and possibly dangerous, to impose greater political rigidity.

Poland's position would be particularly difficult, to say the least. The feeling here now is that the Soviet leadership has given Stanislaw Kania, the new Polish party leader, time to deal with the country's crisis in his own way. Kania's speech recently to the steelworkers of Nowa Huta, near Krakow, after which he met demonstratively with local leaders of the new trade union Solidarity, was the strongest sign of that so far it is safe to assume that Moscow is well informed about the extent and depth of Poland's crisis and has concluded that patience is, for the time being, its best policy.

But in an atmosphere of East-West tension, the Soviet Union would pay obsessive attention to the implications of the situation in Poland for its own security.

East Europe will therefore be watching Moscow every bit as closely as will the West for a hint of Soviet reaction to the American election. There could scarcely be a greater contrast between this East European edginess, which comes about all from a sense of powerlessness, and the measured pace of Soviet reactions.

There is no doubt that the Russians would have preferred a Carter victory — Brezhnev's quietly favorable reference to President Carter shortly before the election was just one sign of that. True, the Russians found him difficult to deal with, not least because of his unpredictability, which they not only disliked but despised. They had also made up their mind that little good for Moscow could be expected from Brzezinski, Carter's adviser on national security affairs.

In other circumstances the Russians would not be put out by the prospect of a Republican president, even one known to be conservative. They have proved that in the past, not least by their dealings with Nixon, the mention of whose name in Moscow still provokes something remarkably close to nostalgia.

It is the Soviet understanding of the nature of present circumstances, in America and the world, that explains very largely their anxiety about Reagan. Soviet foreign affairs experts have been struck for some time by the growing conservative mood of the United States.

This is where they see the danger of a Reagan presidency. Americanologists argued to me in Moscow earlier this year that there was a vital difference between Nixon coming to power in 1969, in an America weakened by the Vietnam war and in a mood of chastened retrenchment, and Reagan taking office in a country dreaming — or so the Russians believe — of overshadowing the Soviet Union once again in world affairs.

Despite these fears the Russians are unlikely to react hastily. They will watch Reagan's foreign policy appointments, though given their gloomy view of the state of America even the return of Henry Kissinger to an important job will not necessarily be taken as a hopeful sign. Kissinger, their commentators point out, has himself seemed to move to the right over the last four years.

Soviet apprehension must be all the greater because Reagan's victory comes at a time when the Soviet Union is more perilously extended both abroad and at home than at any time in recent years. They have to worry that the war in Afghanistan and the crisis in Poland will become targets for exploitation of a more "macho" American foreign policy.

Reagan's proclaimed intention of putting aside the SALT II treaty and setting about disarmament in a different way is deeply worrying to the Russians because it completely upsets their security calculations, as does NATO's decision to deploy cruise and Pershing II missiles, which Reagan is unlikely to go back on in a hurry.

Moscow must therefore face up to the possibility of an arms race and at a time when the Soviet economy is slowing down and already unable to provision the population satisfactorily. (OFNS)

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Thorn supports Europe initiative over Palestine

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is an interview with the President of the EEC Council of Ministers and President-elect of the EEC Commission, Gaston Thorn. The interview was conducted by Robert Little in Brussels.)

By Robert Little

"I am a man who speaks his mind and I shall continue doing so as president of the commission even though it might not always please some of those in high places," so speaks Gaston Thorn, who at 52 has been prime minister, and is now economics minister, external development minister, minister responsible for the middle classes, justice minister, and foreign minister of the pocket-sized Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Next January, this former left-wing Socialist, now middle-of-the-road Liberal, will be taking over from Roy Jenkins as president of the Common Market Commission.

Last week we caught up with the globe-trotting Thorn during a fleeting visit he was making sandwiched between a round of negotiations in Copenhagen and before he was due to catch a plane for talks with the Italian government in Rome.

The contrast in styles is striking. Where Jenkins came to Brussels from one of the three most powerful member states in the EEC, Thorn comes from a

small and historically anachronistic survival from Europe's feudal princedom. Where Jenkins is the soul of discretion in all things and a salon politician, Thorn is forthright and outspoken, not afraid to bring down on his head the wrath of Europe's powerbrokers, such as France's President Giscard d'Estaing.

Though when I began to question the parliamentarian to seek his views on the election of Ronald Reagan as president of the United States, his reply was untypically circumspect. "Perhaps I think it would be better at this stage if we reserved our opinions on that one for a while to just wait and see."

Following the results of the U.S. elections I asked Thorn where this would now place him and the EEC Council of Ministers over the proposed independent European initiative at the United Nations for recognition of Palestine Liberation Organization and a voice in future negotiations on self-determination of the Palestinian people?

"Well, first let me say that I support the proposal for an independent European initiative. As you know the summit meeting of EEC leaders in Venice in June of this year agreed 'in principle' that should the Camp David accord fail to produce a satisfactory agreement, then it might be necessary for EEC countries to play a more direct role in seeking a solution. As president of the council of ministers that meeting decided that I should visit and consult

with all the parties involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict. My report of those consultations has been produced and discussed confidentially at a meeting of our foreign ministers and will now have to be discussed fully by the next summit meeting which is to be held here in Brussels next month."

Would he personally, I asked Thorn, be in favor of recommending or supporting full recognition of the PLO under the leadership of Yasser Arafat?

Smiling archly he replied: "Let me put it to you this way. On my return from Rome we will be meeting representatives of the Arab League in Luxembourg to discuss our common problems. The leaders of the league's delegation will be the PLO. I am the deputy prime minister and foreign minister of Luxembourg. So does that answer your question? What I may feel or say about these matters I am only one person. But I fail to see how anyone can believe that the question of the future of the Palestinian people can be considered or negotiated objectively without agreement with the representatives of the only acknowledged authority of the Palestinian people themselves."

Was it true that the report of his Middle East fact-finding tour contained suggestions that the Camp David agreement was now defunct following the decision of the Israeli Knesset to declare Jerusalem the "sole and indivisible capital" of the country? I asked.

"If I start answering questions like that then the report would no longer be 'confidential', would it? It is now up to President Reagan to decide what he intends to do about Camp David during his talks with Menachem Begin in New York. It would not be helpful to the Palestinians or anyone at this stage to try and predict what Egypt or the United States will do over this matter."

From my questioning it became clear that Thorn is under no illusions about the limitations on the power of any commission president today. When asked if it was true, as had been suggested, that the commission had under the present structure of the community almost no power to speak of, he grinned and replied, with finger to his lips, "For God's sake don't tell anyone else, will you?"

He also accepts that there are disturbing elements of disintegration within the community at present, not least with Britain's long-running war over agricultural policy and budget payments. "It is a strange picture we see in the community. On the one hand internal integration of the member states seems to have come to a halt, and may even be going into reverse. On the other hand we see the community pressing ahead with the development of a common foreign policy," he said. He also recognizes that the commission has few friends in high or low places. But he intends to speak, if necessary, over the heads of the European political establishment, to a wider popular audience. And it had been suggested that he is sometimes in danger of confusing the medium with the message.

"It is well known that certain governments were not very keen on my appointment," Thorn conceded. "But that will not stop me speaking my mind on the issues that come up — whether or not it pleases everyone."



"This is unbearable. I can neither sleep at work, nor at home."

— Okaz

NUCLEAR ARMS RACE

With Reagan's administration due to take up effective power in less than two months, preparations are already under way to beef up the United States' defense expenditure for the coming year and the years that follow. President Carter's outgoing administration is doing what it can to ease the process. The declared aim is to renew America's arsenal and bring its striking power to the high level it is supposed to lack at present.

Meanwhile in Britain, the movement for unilateral nuclear disarmament, hibernating for around two decades after its great success in the late fifties and early sixties, is witnessing an astonishing rebirth. The issue of stationing America's new Cruise missiles in Britain has been rendered even more crucial by the uncertainties of the international situation — and many people are haunted by the specter of a limited nuclear war in which the superpowers use their respective allies as pawns.

The British movement gained an important ally when Michael Foot, the new left leaning leader of the Labor Party, defeated the right winger Denis Healey. Foot is a veteran of the old unilateral disarmament movement, and is at present fervently and publicly opposed to the deployment of Cruise on British soil. In addition to the direct hazard of Soviet retaliation, opponents of Cruise see it as auguring a new phase in the arms race, with the prospect of successful negotiations for limiting nuclear weapons between the superpowers considerably dimmed by Reagan's success in the American presidential election.

As the world watches apprehensively, the two superpowers seem to be set on making the eighties the decade of a new, vastly more expensive and frightening nuclear arms race. In many countries, popular reaction against this is growing. But, sadly, the two sides of the contest are not evenly matched. The world is such that it is easy to guess the outcome of the struggle between the people who do not want to pay the cost — both economic and human — of the new arms race, and the giant companies and the politicians supporting them, who see it all in terms of "good business."

Saudi Arabian Press Review

All newspapers Monday led with King Khaled's opening of King Abdul Aziz Naval Base in Jubail later in the day. They also gave prominence to the Arab Summit Conference that will be in Amman Tuesday. The papers also published on their front pages Interior Minister Prince Naif's departure for Kuwait at the invitation of his counterpart Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

Al-Riyadh stated in its lead story that a ministerial committee will meet in Dammam Monday to discuss the requirements and projects of the Eastern Province according to the directives of King Khaled. The committee will present a brief report on the chance of beginning immediately work on scheduled projects for the region.

Among the prominent news stories were Egyptian President Sadat's threatening President-elect Reagan that Egypt would revise its policy toward the United States if the president-elect adopts a firm policy towards Cairo; and Israeli Premier Begin's parliament speech which said the transfer of rule to the Republicans in the U.S. would help promote relations between the two countries.

Al-Nadwa gave prominence to Zionist enemy's efforts to surround Al-Aqsa Mosque by taking over the Islamic cemeteries in Jerusalem. Okaz revealed that possible peace talks between King Hussein of Jordan and President-elect Ronald Reagan will be at the top of the summit's agenda. While confirming Algeria's attendance at the summit, the paper also reported PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's surprise

that the summit meeting will be held on schedule. Al-Madina also led with summit meeting, saying that efforts concentrated on preserving a minimal level of solidarity and avoiding dissension in the Arab ranks in the 24 hours before the beginning of the meeting. It also reported the possibility of upheaval of active Islamic opposition in the Islamic republics of the Soviet Union.

Meanwhile, newspaper editorials also dealt with the Arab Summit, as well as the King's visit to the Eastern Province. Okaz stated in its editorial that the realization of the summit is a severe blow to those who bet against the future of Arab collective strategy.

The ability of Arab foreign ministers to squeeze through the "bottle neck" that some forces thought would strangle Arab hopes, opened the door for the Amman summit to shoulder the responsibilities parallel to the great efforts spent, the paper said. The summit is an indication that the Arab world has avoided the danger points to achieve solidarity which, after the recent developments, necessitates the revising of Arab plan for facing their enemies, the paper added.

Al-Riyadh noted in its commentary that the Tunis and Baghdad summits had concentrated on achieving the policy of a lowest common denominator. At that time, Arabs were trying to find a remedy for the Camp David setback and working on saving what was left of the Arab solidarity. The moderate states

have played a crucial role by dosing Arab ranks, preserving the majority and maintaining the "minimum" policy as a card that would be useful for future conferences.

But some countries tried to attack the new solidarity by using certain policies that endangered the "minimum" understanding policy, the paper warned. Still, it is the majority which will decide on the new Arab strategy and the new solidarity. It has become a must for Arabs to move ahead from the policy of achieving the minimum after it proved to be impotent in dealing with the crucial issues, it said.

Al-Bilad commented on King Khaled's visit to the Eastern Province and his dedication of King Abdul Aziz Naval Base Monday. The opening of the naval base by the King goes into the history of the Islamic community that the Kingdom's power initiatives from its rich and firm belief in the holy Koran and the Islamic law.

It added that the development of the Saudi Arabian armed forces is a mirror that reflects the progress of the Islamic striking force with the sole aim of retaining Islamic rights and holy places.

Al-Madina said that the opening of Jubail's naval base is based on the joint efforts of Saudi Arabian personnel armed with strong faith, wealth, knowledge and training. It is part of the force that will smash the enemies of Islam and the country, and mobilized for the causes of Islam and Arabism.

By Mafia assassins

Death threat leads to new life

By Michael Cala

NEW YORK, (NYT) — The curtains were drawn tightly around his hospital bed and all that could be seen was one ancient yellowing hand grasping the bed rails.

Like Giuseppe di Lampedusa's Don Fabrizio — "The Leopard" — it was as if his life was ebbing out of him slowly, "as grains of sand cluster and then line up one by one, unhurried, uncaring, before the narrow neck of an hourglass." It was hard for all of us, adults and children alike, to realize that the patriarch, the head of our clan, was dying.

I was 9 or 10, and had considered the old man nothing less than an otherworldly giant, lumbering, wrathful, capable of great and

man and to meditate on their own imminent extinction, for it is said that once you lose your parents, you become once and for all a parent yourself and are no longer somebody's child.

I remember that as I stood close to my father, I feared looking at the old man, feared seeing Nannu ("Great-grandfather") transformed by the act of dying into something horrible. He had been blind since 60, and it had been my duty, practically since I had begun walking, to be his companion. Here he was, 87, a support network of offspring in attendance, but it was I who had regularly replenished his supply of foul-smelling De Nobile cigars ("ginney stinkies," they were

milf for the whole family outta that goat" Guffaws all around.

"Hey, how about the time Narda: my maternal grandmother, Leonarda) had that soldier with the game leg coming around asking to marry her?"

"Oh, I should have married him, he was so handsome," said Leonarda. "But Pappa and his brothers got him around the table, asking him questions until he couldn't take it no more. 'Listen, paisan,' Pappa said, 'before you marry my daughter, you're gonna have to sleep with me a week.' I never saw him again." More guffaws.

Another story — a fateful one — concerned the time he was forced to leave Sicily and had to remain in New York for almost 10 years before going back to collect his family and possessions. In those days, the first decade of the century, the Black Hand wasn't a figment of some screenwriter's imagination, but a dreaded organization of cutthroats who would do anything to consolidate their criminal power, and would bring it to America shortly thereafter.

One day, the story goes, a cousin of the old man was killed by a Black Hand assassin in their hometown of Sciacca, in Sicily. It is not known why the man was killed, but everyone in town, aware of how the man had come to his end, and by whose order, dared not breathe a word. My great-grandfather, who was a prodigious drinker and often couldn't hold his liquor, was drinking in the town saloon with another cousin.

The cousin began goading him into working up a vendetta against the murderers. The old man, boisterous, began proclaiming his intention, within earshot of the townspeople, of getting even with the assassins: La Manni Niura, "The Black Hand." In hours, his words had traveled and word had come back: He was marked for death. He took the next boat from Palermo to New York, working the docks, doing a brief stint in the Pennsylvania coal mines, and starting the family that was here assembled to help get his ghost on its way.

He died at 3 a.m. In our family, there is speculation — for we never cease speaking of him — that had my great-grandfather not gotten mixed up with the Black Hand, we'd all have been Sicilian peasant farmers or fishermen today.

(Michael Cala is a professional photographer who lives on Staten Island.)

Cowboys get their chance at German bazaar

JEDDAH, Nov. 24 — A bazaar will be held at the German school of Jeddah on Thursday, Nov. 27 starting at 5 p.m.

Attractions will include a tombola, a "fleamarket," a radeo and can-shooting competition with prizes, sales of home-made food and clothes and refreshments.



NEW YORK: new home for Sicilian refugees

unpremeditated violence to those who would defy him. Once, meat cleaver in hand, he nearly killed an elder son for intervening in a family argument. None of his children could marry or take jobs without his approval.

He was well over 6 feet ("the tallest damned Sicilian I've ever seen," said one son) and carried a good 200 pounds on his large-boned frame.

The duty nurse on his floor had relaxed the two-person-at-a-time visitation rule, and so there we were, a family group of 10 or 12, with more on the way, spilling out into the antiseptic green corridor, talking in hushed tones, some carrying flowers, others clutching rosaries and small crucifixes. We represented four generations, many miles of geography and a series of soon-to-be unfulfilled needs — children mesmerized by his powerful presence; sons and daughters, many in their 50s and 60s, come to comfort the old

called); it was I who had fetched his bottle of grappa for his elderly friends who visited in better times. If he wanted to take a walk, it was my shoulder his claw had held onto as I ushered him through crowded Brooklyn streets in summer, telling him who was passing so he could decide whether the person merited greeting.

In the hospital room, as in all rooms where the death vigil is observed, his children and grandchildren recalled tales of the past.

"Hey, Patsy, remember the time Pappa bought the male goat? He expected to get



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Military leaders to form state party in S. Korea

SEOUL, Nov. 24 (AFP) — A number of military officers who carried out a drastic political and social purge under the direction of President Chun Doo-hwan earlier this year are in line to become key members of a new government-backed political party to be formed shortly, reliable sources said Monday.

'Bravest' loses

PARIS, Nov. 24 (AFP) — The dinner party Sunday night in a restaurant at Villeneuve-Le-Roi was just like any other until the host decided that everybody should play Russian roulette with his revolver "to see which of us is the bravest."

The game is played by putting one live round in a six-chamber revolver barrel and spinning the barrel. Then the trigger is pulled with the muzzle pointing at the player's head. The odds are 5-to-1 against being killed.

Charles La Porte, a 54-year-old house painter, was the first among the diners to take the risk — and lost. The incident is under investigation.

Chun announced over the week-end that political activities, banned since last May under martial law amid violent anti-government demonstrations, could now be resumed immediately.

It is still not certain whether Chun himself will head the newly-formed government party before becoming a candidate at the next presidential election scheduled for next March.

In any case, the standard-bearers of the new government party, yet to be named, are expected to push him to stand for a seven-year term of the presidency under the new constitution, the sources said.

Some of the army colonels and junior generals became known to the public barely a month ago, when they were appointed to the 81-member legislative assembly for national security, which is acting as parliament until general elections are held in April or May.

The sources said that many members of the dissolved Democratic-Republican Party founded by the late President Park Chung-Hee would try to join the new government party.



(AP photo)
SPEAKER: Former British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, 86, waves before delivering a speech at Yale University last week.

Legacy of Peron dominates Argentine life

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 24 (LAT) — Peronism. It is not so much a name, or even a movement, as it is a huge cult that holds the political life of Argentina in thrall.

Juan Peron, the founder, is dead. So is Evita Peron, whose personality enchanted millions of Argentines. Maria Estela, Peron's second wife and successor, is under close arrest.

Yet the legacy remains, a vibrant force that in many ways controls the life of the country. "If we held elections, today, a Peronist would win." The speaker was not a member of any of the Peronist groups that still exist as a sort of underground. He was a ranking member of the military government that has ruled Argentina since the overthrow of the Peronists in 1976.

"It is a matter of the heart," the official went on. "Argentines are ruled by the heart, not the mind."

What that means politically, according to several observers, is that there will be no early return to democracy in Argentina. "Argentina's president for the year 2000 is still in the military academy," a former navy officer and determined foe of Peronism said.

Maria Estela Martinez de Peron was her husband's vice president and served as president for two years following his death until the military revolt of March 1976. In 1978 she was convicted of embezzling public money, but has not been sentenced. She has been held at her country estate about 60 kms southwest of Buenos Aires, and could still be tried on additional charges involving money. Isabelita, as she is called, is visited only by

her lawyer and a priest. She is not allowed to write letters.

"They keep her totally isolated," a diplomat said. "They are hoping that she is out of sight she will drop from the minds of the people."

The former actress met Peron in 1956, when he was in exile in Spain. Now 49, she is reported by her lawyer to be in excellent health.

A military official who has seen Mrs. Peron agrees with that assessment, and adds caustically, "She will live forever. All she eats is rabbit food and all she reads is comic books."

He referred to her preference for vegetables and what is described as her lack of intellectual depth. "She is nothing, always the tool of others," the military official said. "Her hold on the people results only from her name, but that is enough."

"The government is as much a prisoner of Peronism as Mrs. Peron is a prisoner of the government, because of the certainty that elections would mean a return to Peronism," according to a diplomat.

Peronism also shackles the government in areas other than politics, notably economics. Since Gen. Jorge Rafael Videla became president, his government has struggled to stabilize an economic system plagued by inflation, inefficiency and falling productivity. But the effort has had limited success. The trouble appears to be the government's failure to come to grips with the system installed by Peron.

During his rule, from 1946 to 1955 and again in the early 1970s, Peron embraced a

mixture of Fascism and welfarism. Wages were increased regularly, while prices were frozen. Everyone was promised a job and every worker received dozens of paid holidays.

Union membership was mandatory and employers paid the dues, along with the cost of pensions and health care. The Perons made certain that the cost of meat was kept down, thus fulfilling the average Argentine's greatest wish — steaks twice a day.

"When we would have a holiday, independence day, for example," said a man who lived through the period, "Peron would give a speech and then tell the workers to take off the next day as well."

The result of all this came at the end of Mrs. Peron's regime, when inflation was more than 1,000 per cent, strikes crippled production and the economy was bankrupt.

The Videla government has brought inflation down to about 100 percent, improved its international debt position, and has ended the strikes by repressing unions.

"But it hasn't had the nerve to take on the basics of Peronist economics," an American banker said, "so Argentina still has no unemployment, but productivity stinks. Its industries can't sell overseas and business is inefficient beyond belief."

An Argentine economist admitted that all that is true, then added: "But if we tried to hold down wages or take away holidays or take any other measures to reverse Peronist benefits, we would have a revolution."

So the country goes on, dragging after it the legacy of a man dead since 1974, and faced with more of the same for years to come.

Britons bullied, starved at mock POW camp

WEYHILL, England Nov. 24 (AP) — Forty Britons who like vacations with a difference spent the weekend shivering, acutely short of food, and being shouted at as prisoners of war in a Nazi-style camp reconstructed near this English village.

The camp, a brooding collection of buildings that used to be an isolation hospital, opened its heavily guarded gates to its first customers — fantasists who paid \$72 each for

two days in the life of an Allied prisoner during World War II.

The camp was run by a gaunt, former British paratroop sergeant, Bob Acraman, 41, who wore a German officer's uniform, and had a lineup of guards, dressed in SS uniforms. The guest-prisoners were an assortment of executives, blue-collar workers and professional men.

"I do this just because I enjoy it," said an

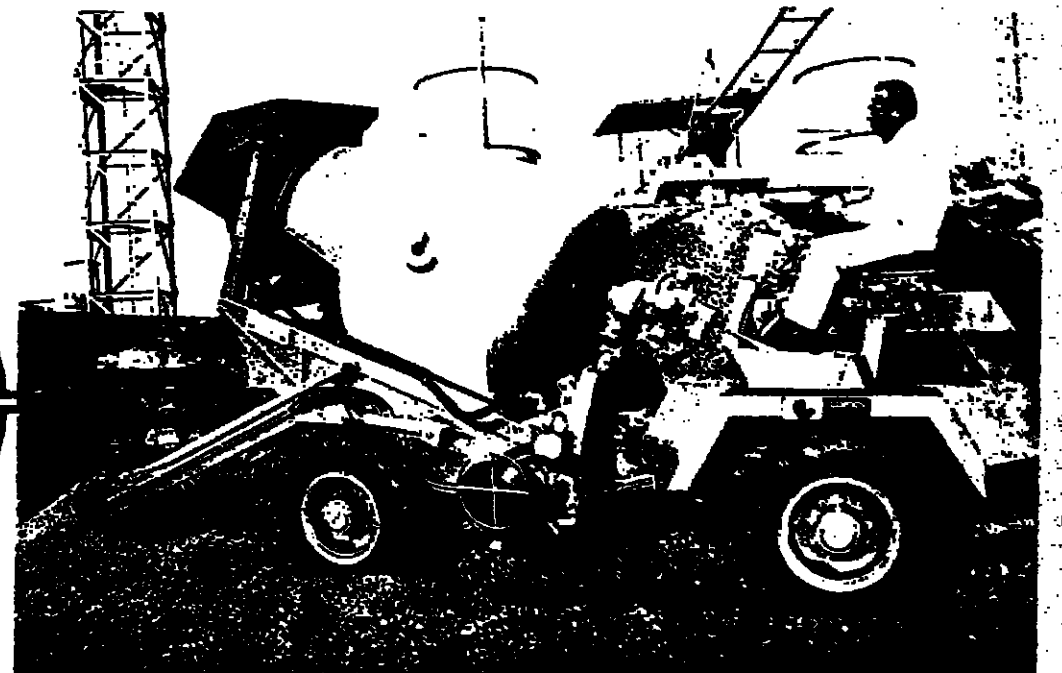
executive, locked up in the camp, dubbed Butlitz, near Salisbury Plain.

The name is derived from Butlins, one of Britain's best known holiday camp businesses, and Colditz, the famed Nazi prison camp from which few of its Allied inmates ever escaped.

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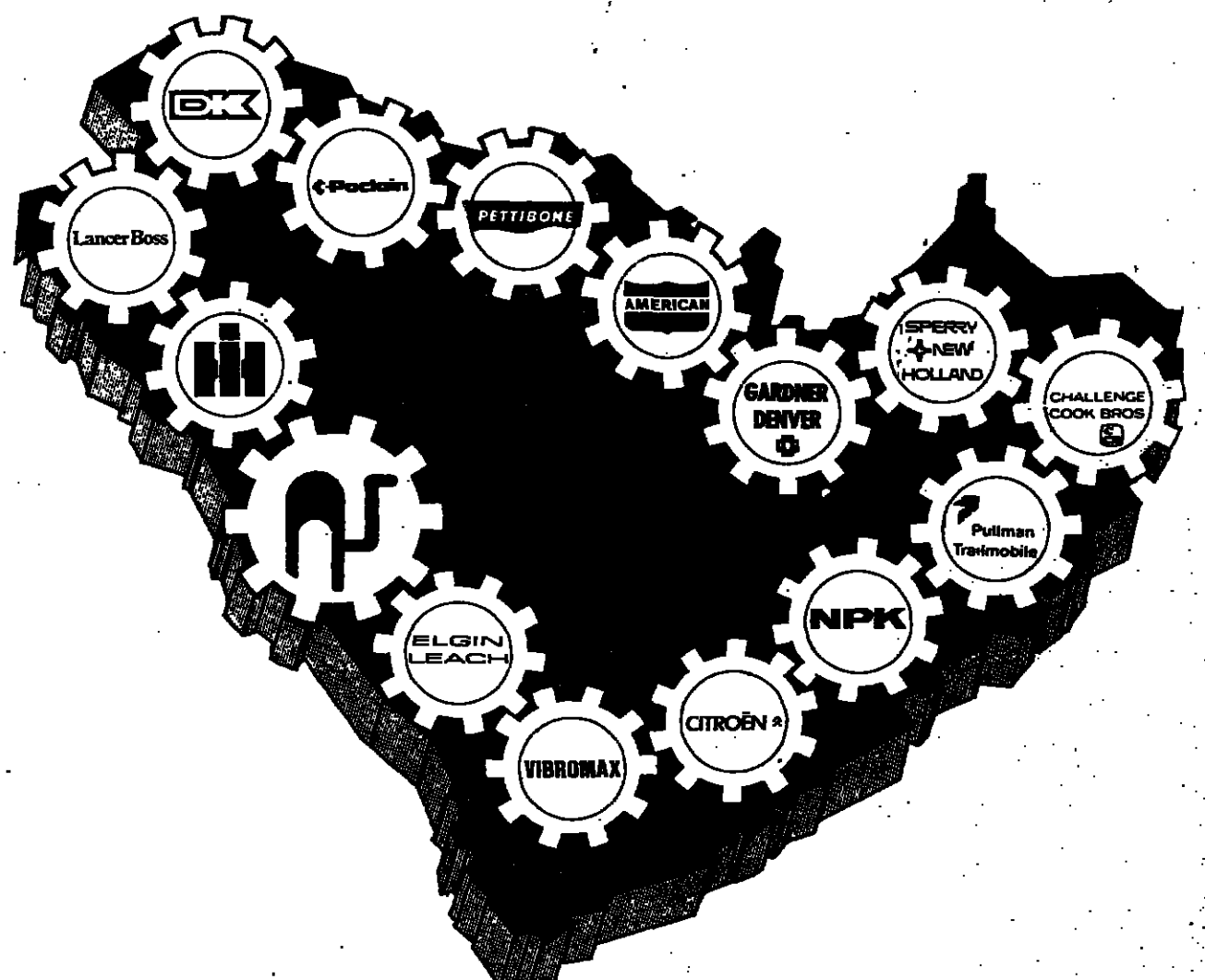


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Views draw scorn

Revisionists back U.S. role in Vietnam

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 24 (LAT) — When Ronald Reagan in a campaign speech last August called the Vietnam war a "noble cause," he drew a scornful response from many. Some political observers considered the remark a gaffe and wondered how he could have said such a thing.

As it happens, Reagan wasn't so far out on a limb. Among a small but increasingly vocal minority of scholars, a "new revisionism" about America's involvement in Vietnam has already begun.

The catalyst has been the Hanoi government's actions, and related events, since the fall of Saigon in April 1975. The revisionists note that Hanoi's occupation of Cambodia, domination of Laos and recent raids into Thailand were precisely what many feared would happen if South Vietnam was lost.

Other fears also have been realized, they say: Southeast Asia is unstable and facing growing Soviet domination, the United States' power abroad is diminished, and Hanoi has caused worse suffering than South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu's regime by confining tens of thousands to "re-education camps," forcing the "boat people" to the sea and badly mismanaging the economy.

Virtually all scholars still say America should never have gotten involved in Vietnam because the costs were too high and the goals unachievable. But some now argue that, although the war effort was badly mismanaged, recent events prove the concerns of the pro-war camp to be honorable and legitimate.

Samuel Popkin, an associate professor of political science at the University of California at San Diego, who previously taught Southeast Asian affairs at Harvard, said "it was taken for granted back then that since Thieu was a pig, then the other side were good guys. If you despised Nixon, that didn't mean you supported the Weathermen in this country, but in Vietnam, if you despised Thieu, you supported the Communists."

"Now we can at least talk about this in public. The United States' role in the war used to be seen as an evil fight against good. Now it's seen as a stupid fight against evil. No one names their babies after North Vietnamese heroes anymore."

Popkin is not a revisionist because, like most scholars, he thinks the past five years' events still do not give validity to the U.S.



Vietnam: U.S. historians begin smiling on an unpopular war

war effort.

The key academics who do subscribe to the new revisionism include Robert. Scalapino, Robson research professor of government and director of the Institute of East Asian Studies at the University of California at Berkeley; Oscar Handlin, a Harvard historian; and Guenter Lewy, professor of political science at the University of Massachusetts. Lewy opened the current debate in 1978 when he published his book, *America in Vietnam*.

In a recent interview Lewy acknowledged that he has not changed many minds. In fact when he says, "There has not been a stampede to agree with me," he might have understated the case.

During a session at the Organization of American Historians convention last April in San Francisco entitled "Vietnam Revisionism," no one could be found to replace Lewy when he failed to make a scheduled appearance. Everyone present argued against his position. The reviews of Lewy's book were scathing. Among other things he was called a "moral leper" and his book "intellectually worthless and morally grotesque."

Lewy, untroubled, said he expected such a response and is confident his view will eventually become the accepted historical interpretation.

The question is already being considered in academic circles: how will history view

America's involvement in Vietnam? Will the events of the last five years influence the verdict?

The epilogue to Lewy's book spelled out the basic revisionist position.

Southeast Asia was not important enough to warrant the great expense in lives, money and turmoil, and fear of a monolithic Communist expansion was a "bad misreading of geopolitical realities." Still, one in the war, U.S. prestige and credibility as a major power were on the line, the pro-war camp argued.

To fail, the argument went, would not topple a series of dominoes, but would "have repercussions elsewhere, especially in Southeast Asia," by weakening faith in American commitments, encouraging Communist forces and motivating neutral governments to "appease the vigorous Communist powers."

Since 1975, Lewy argued, all this has happened: Laos and Cambodia are under Vietnamese control, Thailand has asked American troops to leave its country, the Philippines has asked for a review of the future status of U.S. bases there, and Indonesia's foreign minister speaks of "cooperation" with the Communist regimes.

Moreover, Lewy said, Hanoi, in its handling of the boat people, re-education camps and domestic affairs, has proved to be as inhumane, barbaric and inflexible as pre-

dicted. Though the original U.S. decision to intervene was wrong, it was not wrong because of the corrupt nature of the South Vietnamese government. Hanoi has proved to be no better, Lewy said.

Some see further implications of the American loss. They link Vietnam, indirectly, to the recent pro-Soviet activity in Angola, Ethiopia, Afghanistan and South Yemen, and they fear that other countries might be tempted to make independent accommodation with Moscow.

Of course, those offering revisionist theories have not, for the most part, revised their thinking. They always gave the Vietnam war qualified support. But there are exceptions.

For example, Peter, Berger, who is not a historian but a sociologist at Boston College, now denounces his active anti-war efforts. He wonders whether his opposition to the war was "a moral failure of terrifying proportions...the question is inescapable: is this what those of us who had opposed the war helped bring about?"

Even scholars who flatly reject revisionist thought have had to face this question. Other scholars who opposed the war seem to have adopted a bunker mentality.

William Turley, associate professor of political science at Southern Illinois University, said, "I know we're going to fight this battle. I see revisionism coming and think it will be a significant trend."

Some, however, do not take the trend so seriously. Ernest May, the highly respected Harvard historian and former chairman of the American Historical Association's committee on American-East Asian relations, said, "Like other wars where there was dissent, there are likely to be periodic efforts to be sympathetic to those who got us involved, to understand. But it won't last, or be very important."

The consensus is that Vietnam's domination in Cambodia and Laos represents an inevitable, centuries-old historical pattern that was only temporarily interrupted by French and American involvement.

Most believe the Vietnamese invaded Cambodia because they saw the Pol Pot regime as a puppet of Communist China and thus threatening their security. This intense fear of China, they point out, is deeply rooted, dating back to the Mongol invasion of the 13th century.

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Recordskeeper trusts experts

ENFIELD, England, Nov. 24 (AP) — The world's longest moustache grows an inch longer. The world's oldest man grows a year older. A team of cooks sets a new mark for peeling potatoes quickly.

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"So if we want to check up on the longest seaweed or the fastest bat or the quickest anyone's been made a saint, we have to get onto a mycologist, a chiropterologist or a hag-iologist," he said in an interview at his office in this London suburb.

Although he receives some 20,000 letters and countless telephone calls a year with claims for records in baton twirling, yodeling, one-legged standing or bubblegum blowing, McWhirter said most of his information comes from the "ologists."

"I think there are about 480 of them," he said. "I've compiled a list."

"There are helminthologists, for example,

experts on the rather unlovely subject of tapeworms. An unfulfilled ambition of mine is to be invited to a banquet of helminthologists — I don't know if they have one."

McWhirter's book is marking its 25th anniversary this year as a handy guide for people who want to keep up with the changing facts but don't have the telephone numbers of the "ologists."

From an initial print run of six copies in October 1955, the GBR has now sold 40 million copies.

"There's no subject really that we're not interested in. If it's measurable, we've got superlatives," McWhirter said.

But he said, "The book is limited to things that are measurable. What we avoid are value judgments — the most beautiful woman, for instance. What we record is the woman with the most children, the fattest woman and so forth."

India farmers arrested

NEW DELHI, Nov. 24 (AP) — Police arrested nearly 1,300 peasants Sunday for blocking highways and railroads in India's Maharashtra state as the 13-day agitation for higher government-support prices of farm produce was further intensified.

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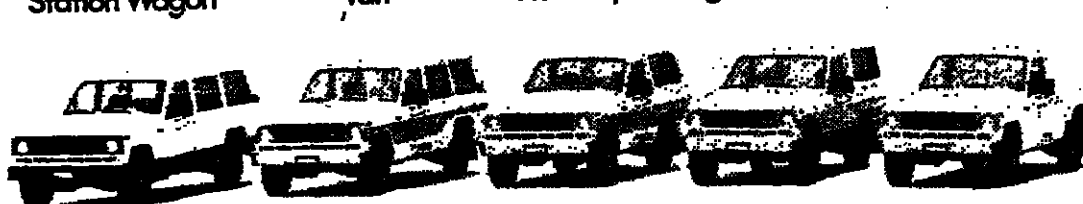
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MEES says

Iraq starts pumping oil

BAHRAIN, Nov. 24 (R) — Iraq began pumping oil through a pipeline to the Turkish Mediterranean port of Ceyhan Thursday after a two-month stoppage caused by the Gulf war, the authoritative *Middle East Economic Survey* (MEES) reported Monday.

Turkish oil industry sources in Ankara said last Friday that reports oil was flowing were premature although they expected pumping

to start over the weekend.

Nicasia-based MEES said preliminary indications were that Iraq planned to deliver from 350,000 to 400,000 Barrels per day (BPD) through the pipeline between now and the end of the year.

MEES said it understood France, Italy and Brazil had been told they could take about 65,000 BPD each, with the balance going to Spain, Romania, Yugoslavia, Turkey,

Greece and Cyprus.

Crude delivered from Ceyhan would be billed at Iraq's official price for Mediterranean deliveries of between \$33.50 and \$33.5 a barrel, it said.

MEES added that Iraq has apparently been hinting through diplomatic channels that some oil could also be pumped through the Trans-Syrian pipeline.

Despite problems West Germany in better stand than partners

BONN, Nov. 24 (LAT) — To the rest of the world, West Germany's economic problems might seem like the problems of the millionaire who must sell one of his Rolls-Royces to raise needed cash. For West Germany, compared to other industrialized countries, continues to ride the crest of prosperity and economic stability. As a British economist here put it, "I wish we had West Germany's economic problems."

Still, the crest appears to be flattening out and the country has entered a period of agonizing reappraisals and gloomy predictions over the national economy. The chief villain, as could be expected, is the price of oil. West Germany must import increasingly costly oil to meet 95 per cent of its oil needs, which account for half of its total energy requirements. And the rising price of oil is outracing the country's determined efforts to reduce consumption.

While the amount of imported oil has dropped, West Germany's oil import bill this year will be about \$40 billion, or 5.4 per cent of gross national product, compared with about 2.5 per cent just two years ago.

As the price of oil goes up, so does the cost of the manufactured goods that West Germany sells abroad, and these sales have provided the foundation for prosperity. West German export markets have been hit by the worldwide recession brought on by rising oil prices. Last August, for the first time in 15 years, West Germany's foreign trade slipped into the red. The 1980 balance of payments shortfall is expected to be about \$16 billion.

Responding to this and other economic troubles, economists, the press and television commentators have raised the specter of the demise — finally — of West Germany's postwar "economic miracle."

Is the German worker, they ask, becoming lazy as a result of the long vacation, high pay and other benefits he receives? Is the country's widely admired industrial harmony about to shatter in a confrontation with workers and management over labor's participation in corporate administration?

And what about that rising peril in the east — the Japanese auto makers and other industrialists whose cars and other goods are cutting into West Germany's proud and heretofore profitable auto industry?

In August, Japanese car makers captured a record 15 per cent of the West German market, touching off a heated controversy over whether to impose import restrictions on Japanese cars.

The recently re-elected coalition government of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's Social Democratic party and its junior partner, the Free Democratic Party, is grappling with a proposed 1981 budget that calls for what would be, for West Germans, considerable belt-tightening. Finance Minister Hans Matthöfer's proposed "economy" budget calls for major cuts in the public spending that has financed the massive social programs that protect workers and their families from economic setbacks.

The government wants to limit the growth in spending to 4 per cent, half of the annual percentage of the past two years. Borrowing would be limited to \$15 billion.



Gunnar Hambraeus

Swedish scholar awarded by Honda

Professor Gunnar Hambraeus of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences IVA, has received a new and unusual award from the Honda Foundation of Japan. Hambraeus and IVA have been awarded the ECO prize — a new award given annually to an individual or organization for contributions to the development of humanity "by harmonizing ecology and technology."

Since 1950 Hambraeus, 61, has become well known through a number of national and international assignments. He has been Managing Director of IVA since 1968 — the world's oldest academy of engineering sciences, founded in 1919.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences is a forum for contact and exchange between technology, humanity, and industry. The Honda Award, which was presented to Hambraeus in Tokyo Nov. 17, is for 10 million yen.

British firm to explore oil in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan, Nov. 24 (AP) — Pakistan and British Petroleum Development Ltd., Sunday signed an agreement for jointly exploring oil in south-western Pakistan. Officials said the British company will spend a minimum of \$22 million during the first four years of its operations in Pakistan on geophysical surveys, and drilling three deep exploratory wells.

The British company has been given a lease over 5,460 square miles in the districts of Sibi, Kalat, Kachhi, Khulo, Khuzdar, Nasirabad and Larkana, in southern and south-western Pakistan.

EEC ministers resume talks over budget

BRUSSELS, Nov. 24 (R) — A tug-of-war over the European Common Market budget resumes this week with EEC finance ministers meeting here expected to restore cuts rejected by the European parliament. The ministers had trimmed the 1981 draft budget prepared by the EEC commission from \$30.42 to \$29.3 billion but two weeks ago the parliament proposed to add \$1.4 billion.

The parliamentary amendments were concentrated on energy research, industrial investment, aid and regional development, including world political events and a planned trade pact with Cyprus.

A customs Union Treaty with Cyprus has been delayed because of concern in France and Italy about cheap imports of Cyprus vegetables, and EEC sources said they expected a headway on this issue this week.

The ministers will also prepare the ground for a two-day summit of EEC leaders in Luxembourg Dec. 1, expected to concentrate on plans for an EEC Middle East peace initiative and on social and economic issues within the community.

OPEC meeting

Indonesia supports rise in oil prices next year

BAHRAIN, Nov. 24 (R) — Indonesian Oil Minister Subroto said Monday he favored a moderate rise in oil prices and did not rule out increases before OPEC ministers meet next month. He told Reuters by a phone interview from Doha during a visit to Saudi Arabia: "I would like to see oil prices increased when OPEC meets next month, but moderately."

Oil ministers of OPEC — the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries — are due to hold a price setting conference in Bali, Indonesia.

Asked if OPEC countries would raise prices before the meeting, Subroto replied: "It is the sovereign right of each country to adjust its prices according to market conditions."

"Indonesia wants to keep the possibility open. Of course we don't want to tie our hands but it depends on the market situation."

The minister said the December meeting would definitely be held in Bali. There was a

speculation among oil industry sources that the talks might be transferred to OPEC's Vienna headquarters.

Meanwhile, Funabashi, Japan, Japanese survey ship carrying 20 scientists left Funabashi near Tokyo Monday for the Antarctic to look for possible deposits of oil. The two-month geological survey off Ellsworth land opens a three-year program by the semi-official Japan National Oil Corporation (JNOC).

In public government officials described the survey by the 1,800-ton Hakurei Maru as scientific, but privately they said they saw it as a search for possible oil deposits.

They said Japan, which imports 99.9 per cent of its oil, was concerned lest its motives in sending the ship to the Antarctic were misunderstood by the 21 other signatories of the 1959 Antarctic treaty.

Japan would abide by provisions in the 30-year treaty calling for an exchange of scientific information gleaned from the Antarctic, they said.

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Municipality of Jeddah	Supply of steel enclosures for plants, agricultural implements, seeds, nurseries and heavy and light equipment	1	50	Dec.
Ministry of Education	Construction of intermediate schools consisting of 12 and 15 classrooms in different educational zones	36	3000	Dec. 1
Municipality of Ahssa	Construction of a meat and vegetable market in Batalia	1	200	Dec. 28
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Jordanian Dinar	—	11.07	11.00
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.25
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	93.50	92.70
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	83.00	81.70
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.70
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	44.50
Pound Sterling	7.84	7.99	7.85
Qatari Rial (100)	—	91.50	91.50
Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.58
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In Asian basketball

Team play served Kingdom's youths well

By Edward Thangarajah
Special Correspondent

BANGKOK, Nov. 24 — Teamwork and cool heads helped members of the Saudi Arabian youth basketball team rush to several big wins and impressive performances in the sixth Asian youth basketball championships here recently.

Among a field of experienced and fanatic basketball programs, the Saudi youths lost but three games — one was to eventual runner-up the Philippines — and finished fourth of 17. And the team could easily move to the forefront of basketball in Asia in the future.

The area itself will have a lot to say about basketball in the coming months and years. That's the result of the tournament several weeks ago. Play there not only enhanced the sport itself, but shows the way for further development and improvement.

Usually, after every Asian cage meet, experts and officials make resolutions which are seldom kept. Their farfetched plans are forgotten in a few weeks.

This year, however, the sport has gained new life thanks to the high standard of the game witnessed during the 12-day fiesta. Out of the 17 countries which competed — the Philippines, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Malaysia and Thailand Group A; the People's Republic of China, India, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, Singapore and Kuwait (Group B); Japan, United Arab Emirates, South Korea, Qatar, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia (Group C) — at least eight were of equally high standard.

These included the People's Republic of China, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Japan, Kuwait, South Korea and Bahrain. The pity of it was that Bahrain and South Korea were drawn into the same group with Japan and Saudi Arabia. It was even worse for instead of playing a four-group competition with the first two to play in the quarterfinals or some other format, the meet was run in three groups, narrowing the entrants into the final round.

On performance there was little to differentiate between China where basketball is

Amritraj takes Teacher

BANGKOK, Nov. 24 (AP) — Second-seeded Viv Amritraj of India won the first Bangkok tennis men's singles at the Huamark indoor stadium here, beating third-seeded Brian Teacher of the United States in straight sets 6-3, 7-5.

Vijay, whose name in Hindi means "Victory," won the top prize of \$13,125 of the total purse of \$75,000 — the highest ever for any sports event held in Thailand.

The 26-year-old Vijay flashed many aces past the American player and never appeared to be in any real trouble throughout the one-hour and 40 minute match.



UPSET: Asad Tabroni of Saudi Arabia's youth team reaches above a Japanese defender to score. The Kingdom's cagers registered a stunning upset over Japan in this contest in the sixth Asian youth basketball tournament at Bangkok recently. They finished fourth in the 17-team field.

a national sport with some 500 million or more playing the game and the Philippines. On the Mainland the sport is regarded the best fitness exercise for all age levels and is the basis of preparing teams for other sports. Some of the best high jumpers in China have had their athletic teeth through basketball.

In the Philippines basketball is a part of life. For decades the Filipinos have produced some of Asia's best teams and at one stage were considered good enough for Olympic participation. They had trained over five months for this tourney and the team was selected from a group of 45 of the best players picked from schools, clubs and colleges.

The superiority and efficiency of these two countries was matched by Saudi Arabia, which in addition to producing two sensational victories over South Korea in the first round and Japan in the final stage, also made the Philippines fight hard to win on the final

day. With some luck and early accurate shooting the team from the Kingdom could have included the Manila squad on its defeated list. Technically the Saudi Arabian team performed quite well against the Philippines, impressing many experts.

Their strong points were rebound play by Moh'd Abdulsalam, whose well-timed leaps in both defense and offense were a treat to watch; Asad Tabroni's scoring ability both from close quarters and from varied angles; Abdulaziz Alshargi's all-round play which enabled him to notch the highest score by an individual in the competition — 43 points against the Philippines Abdulaziz Almulad's dribbling, ball control and play-making and Mohamed Alzaier's attacking ability.

The Saudi Arabians, who finished fifth at the last championships in Manila after a dismal performance in Kuwait in the fourth tournament, have achieved their showing so

far since first competing in this tournament. With the promise shown they should very soon reach the top in Asian youth basketball which, of course, should be a strong base to build up future national teams for the Kingdom.

Eagles swoop past Raiders

NEW YORK, Nov. 24 (UPI) — Results of Sunday's games in the National Football League:

Philadelphia	10	Oakland	7
Buffalo	28	Pittsburgh	13
New England	47	Baltimore	21
Cleveland	31	Cincinnati	7
Atlanta	28	Chicago	17
Detroit	34	Tampa Bay	10
New York Jets	31	Houston (overtime)	28

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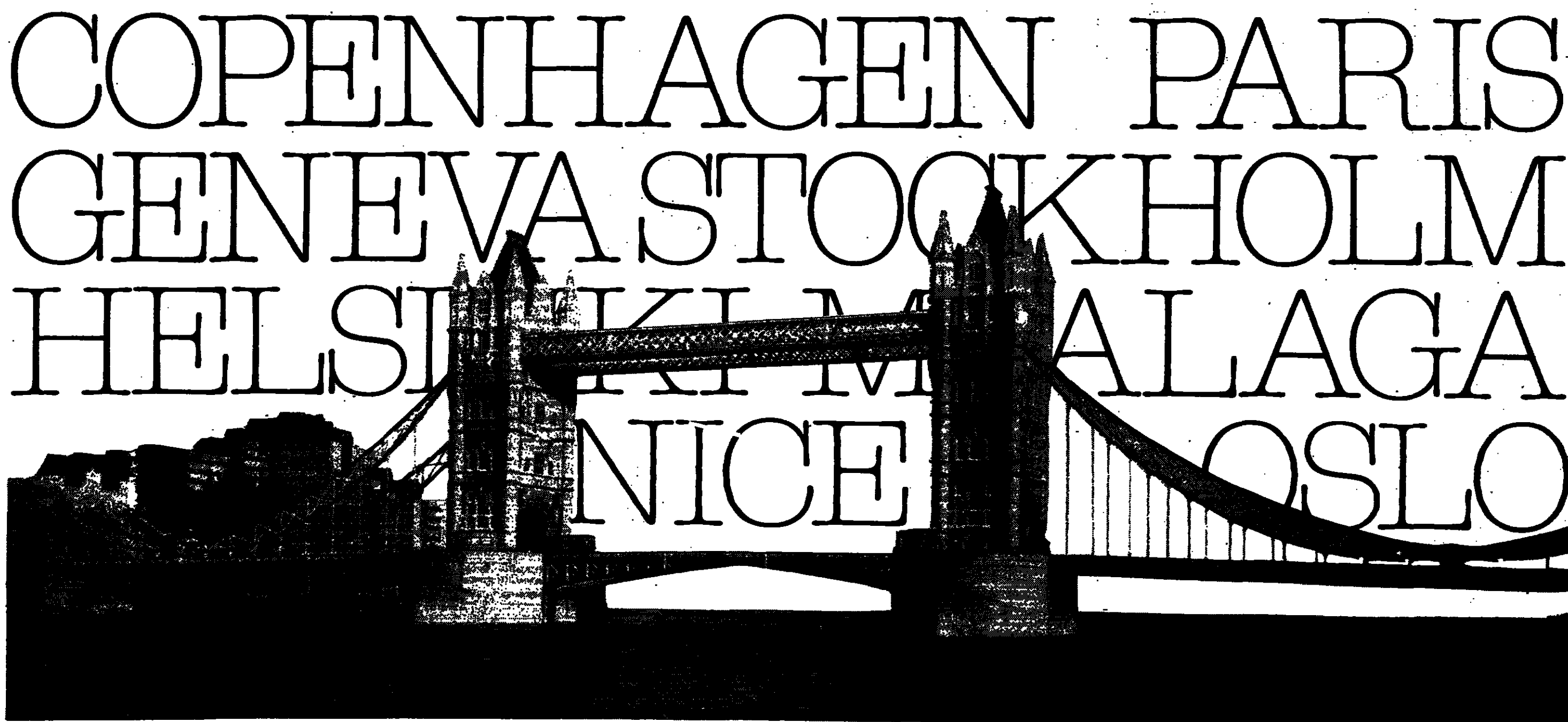
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As Hamburg bombs Frankfurt

St. Etienne shocked by Tours

PARIS, Nov. 24 (AFP) — European soccer was turned upside down this past weekend. While Hamburg was using Frankfurt for target practice in the West German cup competition and running up a scoreline that looked more in keeping with the rugby field, its UEFA Cup opponent St. Etienne was crashing to a shock home defeat against unfancied Tours.

Weekend Soccer

Greek First Division			
Panathinaikos	5	Kastoria	0
Panionios	1	AEK	1
Apollon	1	Panshaliki	0
Atrantikos	1	Don	1
Olympiakos	2	Aris	0
PAOK	1	Ethnikos	1
Kavala	1	OG	1
Yiannina	1	Serres	1
Cornith	0	Larissa	1
Italian First Division			
Avellino	4	Ascoli	2
Bologna	1	Naples	1
Brescia	1	Torino	1
Cagliari	1	Roma	0
Como	2	Florence	1
Juventus	2	Inter	1
Parma	2	Ferrara	0
Udinese	2	Catanzaro	1
Spanish First Division			
Sevilla	1	Atletico Madrid	1
Zaragoza	1	Barcelona	2
Real Madrid	1	Hercules	0
Valencia	2	Real Sociedad	1
Atletico Bilbao	1	Las Palmas	2
Sevilla	1	Ossuna	0
Murcia	0	Valencia	2
Spain	1	Gijon	0
French First Division			
Metz	1	Bordeaux	1
Strasbourg	2	Angers	0
Paris SG	3	Lens	0
Amiens	2	Lyon	2
Valenciennes	1	Nancy	0
Marseille	1	Nice	0
Lille	1	Nimes	0
St Etienne	1	Bastia	1
Nantes	2	Tour	2
	2	Schocher	1
Swiss First Division			
Basel	4	Bellinzona	0
Zurich Grasshoppers	3	Cesana	1
Chievo	4	Nodding	2
Sion	1	Lucerne	2
Zurich	4	Young Boys	0
Neuchâtel Xamax	1	Servette Geneva	1
Belgian First Division			
Anderlecht	1	FC Liege	0
Beveren	3	Lierse	0
Antwerp	5	Borussia	1
Wanderloer	2	Beerschot	0
Standard Liege	3	RWD Molenbeek	2
Berchem	0	Winterslag	0
FC Brugge	3	Lokeren	2
Antwerp	1	Cercle Brugge	2
Ghen	6	Kortrijk	0
Dutch First Division			
NAC Breda	5	Sparta Rotterdam	0
Wageningen	0	PSV Eindhoven	3
Go Ahead Eagles	0	Groningen	0
Deventer	2	Roda JC Kerkrade	1
Roda JC Kerkrade	1	Excelsior Rotterdam	1
Utrecht	5	Thames	0
Feyenoord Rotterdam	3	Pec Zwolle	1
Twente Enschede	6	Nice Nijmegen	1
HSV Maasbracht	4	Ajax Amsterdam	1
Willem II Tilburg	0	AZ '67 Alkmaar	2

In Spain, top-of-the-table Atletico Madrid was held to a draw by bottom-of-the-table Salamanca, and the usually goal-shy First Division produced an unprecedented 21 goals.

Hamburg FC went on a goal-scoring spree in its home clash Saturday and slammed 11 goals past Frankfurt. The big, powerful center-forward Haubesch opened the scoring in the third minute, on his way to a hat-trick. Hartwig also left the field with a hat-trick, and Reimann scored twice. Other Hamburg goals came from Memering, Katz and Groter.

The Hamburg performance must have chilled even the most robust St. Etienne fan.

But the major shock in West Germany was the defeat of Bayern Munich away to Kaiserslautern. Kaiserslautern went ahead on Brigel's goal and then Neule made it 2-0 after the hour. Augenthaler pulled one back for Bayern one minute from the whistle, but time had run out for the West German champs.

St. Etienne's defeat knocked it out of the lead of the French First Division, and Nantes, with a 2-1 home win over Sochaux took over leadership of the league. St. Etienne has now

27 points from 19 matches — one point shy of Nantes' total.

All of the top teams in the Italian First Division were defeated.

Roma went down 1-0 away to Cagliari, Inter was beaten 2-1 away by Juventus, and Florence crashed 2-1 away to Como.

Juventus owed its victory over Inter Milan to Irish striker Liam Brady. Brady opened scoring with a penalty in the 10th minute after Cabrini was brought down in the Inter area. Twenty minutes later Brady sent in a fierce left-footer which beat the Inter goalkeeper Ivano Bordon, but smashed against the bar. It was no trouble for Juventus to push the ball back in.

Ambu pulled back for Inter when he beat the Juventus goalkeeper with a cleverly angled shot.

A goal in the 78th minute dashed Roma's hopes at Cagliari.

Florence, which had drawn the first six matches, also should have drawn the seventh match at Como. Florence went two goals down, but Fantori pulled one back four minutes from time. Earlier Cantognoni had missed a penalty.

Europe Olympic committees tell LA: no commercialization

LONDON, Nov. 24 (AP) — European Olympic leaders Sunday warned Los Angeles of the dangers of commercialization at the Olympic Games in 1984.

The Association of European National Olympic Committees, ending a three-day conference in London, was concerned over Los Angeles' plans to have everything at the games paid for on a commercial basis.

The meeting said in a resolution: "The European NOCs sympathize with attempts by the Los Angeles organizing committee to provide the funds of the entire organization on itself. However, they want to stress the potential danger which lies in commercial and business influence to the detriment of sport and its organization."

Bo Bengtson of Sweden, outgoing president of the Association of European NOCs, commented at a press conference: "The Los Angeles organizers have said they are on a very commercial basis."

"We don't mind that, so long as the cost does not fall too heavily on us."

The European Association is to press the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to change its system of choosing host cities for the games.

Instead of judging candidate cities merely by questionnaires, as at present, the European NOCs want the ruling body to send a commission of inquiry to inspect each city before the choice is made.

"We think such a commission should look at plans for the Olympic village, competition sites and transportation, and at economic conditions," Bengtson said.

"We are suggesting a commission consisting of two IOC members, two representatives from the international federations and two from the National Olympic Committees."

A resolution to this effect, proposed by the NOC of Norway, is being sent to the IOC. But there is little time for the proposal to be implemented before the choice of an Olympic city for 1988.

Dinamo barely escapes relegation in Moscow

MOSCOW, Nov. 24 (R) — A final day win Sunday saved Dinamo Moscow, once the flagbearer for Soviet soccer, from relegation to the Second Division for the first time in its history.

Dinamo beat Pakhtakor of Tashkent 4-1 here but critics said Dinamo coach Yevovny Gorhansky could draw little comfort from the result as Pakhtakor is still severely weakened by the loss of its entire first team in a plane crash a year ago. The team finished below the Moscow club but were exempt from relegation following the air disaster.

Dinamo Moscow won only nine matches out of 34 and finished with 28 points.

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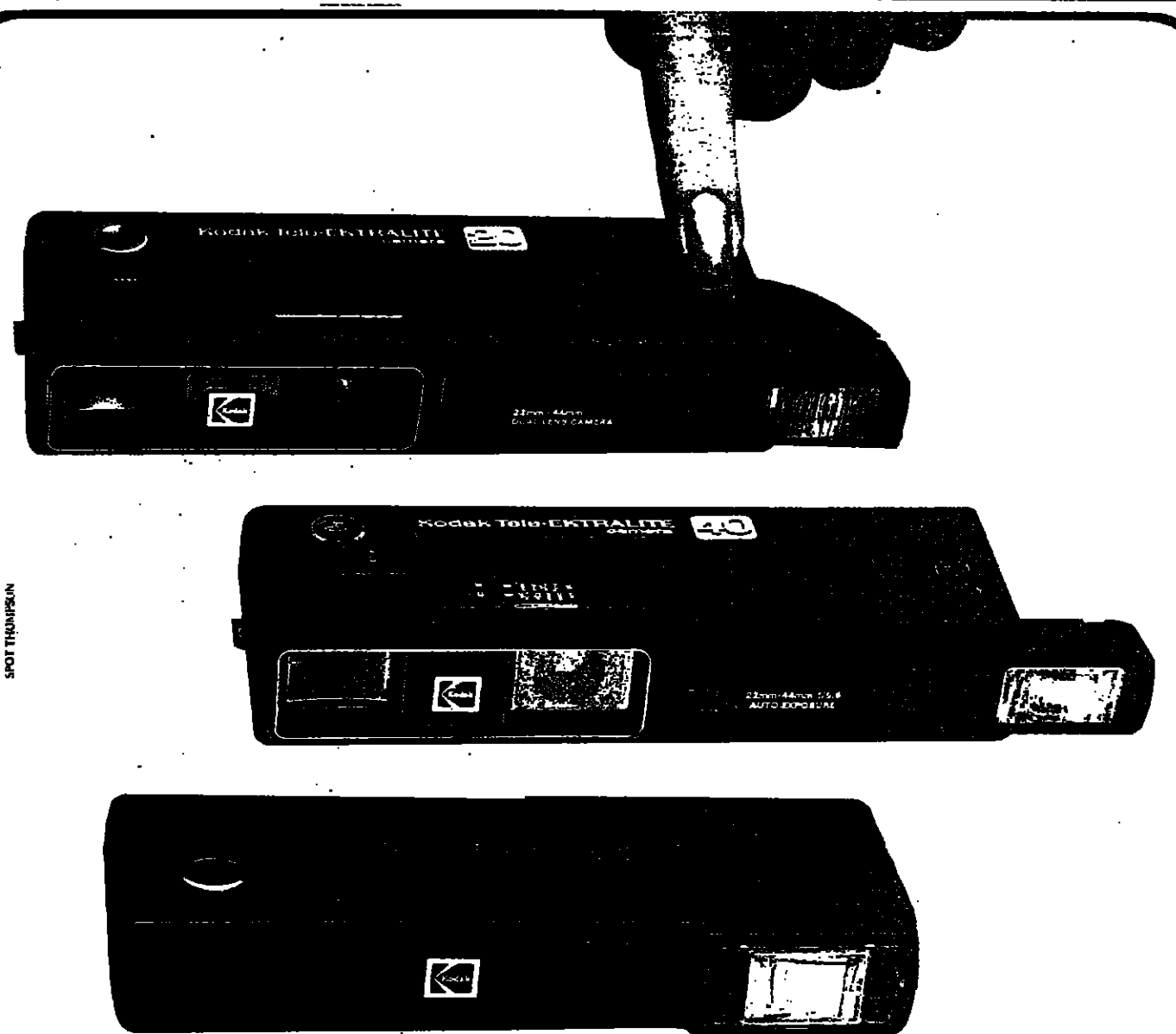
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North South vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 64	♥ 10 8 6 3 2	♠ 64	♥ 10 8 6 3 2
♦ 8 5 2	♣ 7 4	♦ 8 5 2	♣ 7 4
♠ 8 7 3 2	♥ 10 5	♠ 8 7 3 2	♥ 10 5
SOUTH		WEST	
♠ A K J	♥ A K Q 10 9 6 3	♠ A K J	♥ A K Q 10 9 6 3
♦ A K 4	♣ A K 4	♦ A K 4	♣ A K 4

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	20	20	Pass
4♥	50	50	60
Pass	70	Pass	Pass

Opening lead — king of hearts.

Here is a type of hand that many players have trouble with. Let's assume you get to seven diamonds and West leads the king of hearts. You ruff and, after studying dummy, conclude that there's no way to avoid losing a club trick. If that's your conclusion, you're obviously not well versed in squeezes. The fact is that you have all the remaining tricks except one, and it is this very expression

— all but one — that should alert you to the possibility of a squeeze. You start by playing five rounds of trumps, producing this position:

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 64	♥ 10 8 6 3 2	♠ 64	♥ 10 8 6 3 2
♦ 8 5 2	♣ 7 4	♦ 8 5 2	♣ 7 4
♠ 8 7 3 2	♥ 10 5	♠ 8 7 3 2	♥ 10 5
SOUTH		WEST	
♠ A K J	♥ A K Q 10 9 6 3	♠ A K J	♥ A K Q 10 9 6 3
♦ A K 4	♣ A K 4	♦ A K 4	♣ A K 4

You now lead your last trump, West and dummy each discarding a club, and then cash the A-K of spades. So far, West has not felt the pinch as you took the first nine tricks and reduced him to four cards — the ace of hearts and Q-J-9 of clubs. But when you lead the jack of spades to dummy's queen, West finds himself in a distressing situation. He cannot afford to discard the ace of hearts, which would make dummy's queen of hearts a trick, nor can he afford to part with the nine of clubs, which would give you three club tricks instead of only two. He is hopelessly squeezed.

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8:00 News	4:40 News and Chorus
8:10 Melodies	5:15 Literary Magazine
8:30 Literary Magazine	5:45 One Singer
9:00 NEWS	6:00 NEWS
9:10 Your Doctor	6:15 Press Review
9:20 Our Choice (Music)	6:30 On This Day
	6:25 Classical Music

Your Individual Horoscope

FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Don't let domestic problems cause dissension among family members. Pull together, and you'll find workable solutions.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Work may be on your mind, but be receptive to the thoughts of a close tie. Listen. Nebulous trends cloud business negotiations.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
Monetary prospects improve, but so does the tendency to overspend on pleasure. Be alert to favorable job openings.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21) ♋
Watch emotional outbursts if you don't get your way. Try something new in the way of entertainment. Evening should be romantic.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22) ♌
Home life is favored over the search for good times. Peace and quiet gives you a new perspective. Partners are supportive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Making plans with friends is OK. But the day doesn't favor inviting others over. Confusion possible on the home front.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Make initial inquiries about raises or bonuses, but don't be rushed into making agreements. Be tactful and avoid power plays.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
When to lay your cards on the table and when to hold back is today's question. Estimates about repairs now may not be accurate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
A friend is uncooperative. Do further research about investments. Chances are someone will gloss over the correct picture.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
You may be hesitant about going out, but you'll be happier if you follow the lead of friends and loved ones. You'll have a good time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
You'll make progress at work despite distractions. But forego socializing and take advantage of an opportunity that comes now.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
Refrain from mixing business with pleasure. You'll have a better time with a loved one or a friend from a distant place.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Soap frame bar	1 Emulate an ecologist
5 Called on the —	2 Do the blackboard
11 Authentic	3 Summer products
12 Menacing phrase	4 Coterie
13 Fume	5 Convincing
14 Newtop-John film	6 Old French decree
15 Follower of an ism	7 Caddoan Indian
16 Cover a bet	8 Cliff-Taylor film, with "A"
17 Grimalkin	9 Tried out
18 Tiller of the soil	10 Unsteady
20 Private —	16 European mining region
21 Undiluted	25 Less rosy
22 Stadium area	25 Mother's Day gift
23 Less rosy	26 Shortly
25 Mother's Day gift	27 Hold out
26 Shortly	28 Tennis call
27 Hold out	29 Dirigible
28 Tennis call	32 Friend, to Dumas
29 Dirigible	33 Ascot goods
32 Friend, to Dumas	34 Make a faux pas
33 Ascot goods	35 Beyond help
34 Make a faux pas	37 Continent
35 Beyond help	38 Native
37 Continent	39 Stunted creature
38 Native	40 Brooder
39 Stunted creature	41 English theologian
40 Brooder	
41 English theologian	

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DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show
5:22 All Star Soccer
5:45 Safety Film
6:49 Cartoons
7:14 Little House on the prairie
7:59 Last Resort
8:22 Channel 3 feature

Sesame Street No. 1280
Notes: Forest vs Manchester United
To a Babylonian
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Shining Season

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P.M.
6:00 News Roundup
Reports: Annals
Opinion: Analysts
6:30 Dailies
News Summary
News: Feature, The Making of a Nation
News Summary
9:30 Music USA:
(Standards)
10:00 News Roundup
Reports: Annals
10:05 Opinion: Analysts

News Summary
10:30 VOC Magazine
America: Letter
Editorial: Letter
11:00 Special English: News
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2:05 Ours of Guidance
2:10 Saudi Tablet
2:20 On Islam
2:30 Radio Magazine
3:00 NEWS
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Music
3:20 World of Machines
3:30 A Selection of Music
3:40
3:50 Closesdown

Evening Transmission
9:00 Opening
9:01 Holy Quran
9:05 Ours of Guidance
9:10 Light Music
9:15 The Evening Show
9:45 Reflections of a Muslim
10:00 Islamic Contributions
10:10 Music
10:15 NEWS
10:25 A. A. — A Daily Chronicle
10:30 Souq
11:00 The World of the Guitar
11:15 Round and About
11:45 On Islam
12:00 In the Quiet
12:30 Music
12:45 A Rendezvous
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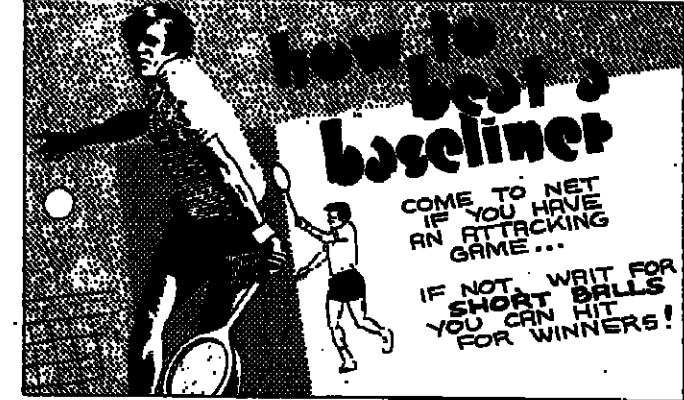
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8:35 Sarah Ward
8:45 World Today
9:00 Newsday
9:30 Opera Star
10:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours
News Summary
10:30 Sarah Ward
10:45 Something to Show You
11:00 World News
11:09 Reflections
11:15 Piano Style
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978
12:00 World News
12:09 British Press Review
12:15 World Today
12:30 Financial News
12:40 Look Ahead
12:4 The Tony Mynx

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1.15 Ulster in Focus
1.30 Discovery
1.35 World News
2.09 News about Britain
2.15 Alphabet of Musical
Ozias
2.30 Sports International
2.40 Radio Newswel
3.15 Promenade Concert
3.45 Sports Round-up
4.00 World News
4.09 Twenty-Four Hours:
News Summary
4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
5.15 Report on Religion
6.00 Radio Newswel
6.15 Outlook
7.00 World News
7.09 Commentary
7.15 Sherlock Holmes
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10.39 Stock Market Report
10.43 Look Ahead
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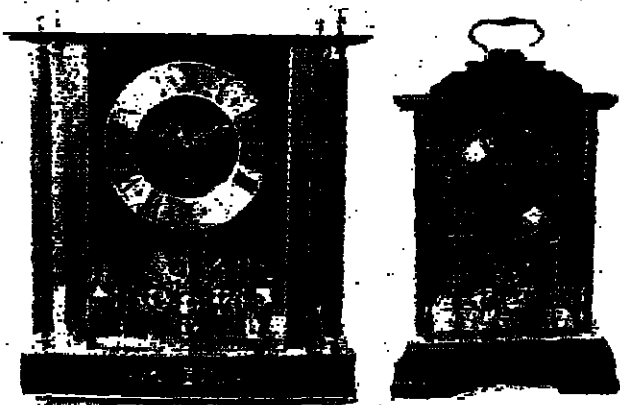
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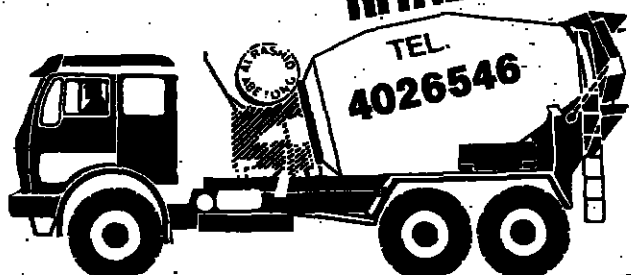
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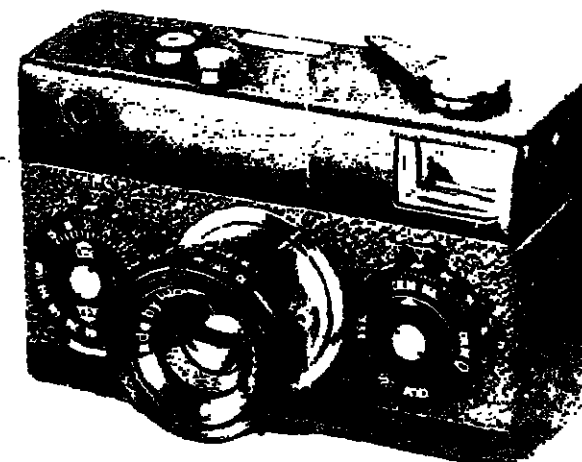
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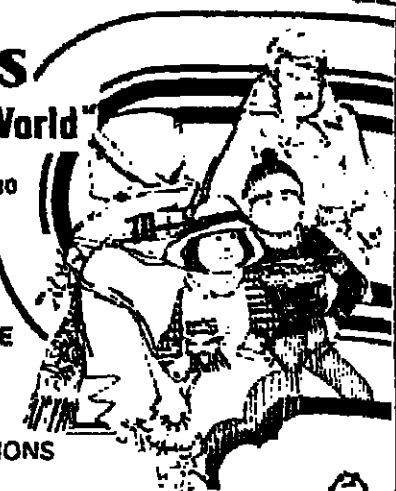
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Union reverses decision

Polish trainmen stage shutdown

WARSAW, Nov. 24 (AP) — Railway workers shut down commuter lines in Warsaw and Gdansk on Monday in what was to be a two-hour warning strike to press wage demands. The strike began on schedule at 0900 GMT two hours past rush hour. Loudspeakers announced that other rail service would not be affected.

A spokesman for the Solidarity trade union chapter in Wroclaw, which was coordinating the action, said the strike was called after efforts to arrange a last-minute meeting with Deputy Premier Aleksander Kopec and other senior government officials failed.

Workers plan to shut down the commuter lines for four hours on Tuesday if a meeting cannot be arranged. The warning strike affected Warsaw's WKD line, which carries some 150,000 passengers each day along two routes through the suburbs.

Signs posted along the station platforms announced the work stoppage. Employees of the line reported for duty Monday in civilian clothes to protest wearing of rail uniforms by Transport Minister Mieczyslaw Zwiefryd.

Sunday's announcement of a stoppage by the union was a reversal of its decision on

Saturday only to stage protests by loudspeaker announcements and placards in train stations and, "for the good of the country" not to strike.

The warning strike was the latest step in a job action which began last Thursday over the formula for distributing some \$6.3 million in wage increases.

Polish railway stations have been decorated since then in red and white national flags and signs have been posted to inform passengers of worker demands.

In Warsaw, four officials of the local Solidarity chapter were to meet with Solicitor General Lucien Czubinski to discuss the case of a volunteer employee detained since Friday in connection with the discovery of a classified document at the union office last Thursday.

Jan Narozniak was summoned to the police station for questioning and was apparently not released after the customary 48-hour interrogation, dissidents said this may indicate authorities plan to file charges against Narozniak.

Solidarity has threatened strikes in the Warsaw area if Narozniak is not released. The union also issued a statement claiming the classified document was an outline of way to harass "anti-socialist elements" and showed that the state justice machinery had not accepted the legality of independent trade unions.

In another sign of Poland's social ferment, sources, said employees of the Cardiological Institute at Warsaw's medical university had prevented former Health Minister Marian Sliwinski from assuming his duties as a director.

Sliwinski, who resigned as minister last week, had been scheduled to assume the directorship Monday. But employees demanded that Professor Maria Hoffman remain as director.

Talks were reportedly underway to sort out the dispute. The rail dispute could become an explosive issue since Poland relies so heavily on that form of transport for moving goods. Last year Polish railroads carried some 500 million tons of goods, nearly a third of all shipments.

Rails especially important in shipping coal, minerals and manufactured goods to the ports of Szczecin, Gdynia and Gdansk for export.

At issue is a formula for distributing pay raises to rail employees. The government agreed to one formula with a union based in Katowice which is a remnant of the old, state-supported union. But the Solidarity local in Wroclaw, negotiating for all Solidarity railworkers demanded that the package be renegotiated and that more money be earned for low-paid categories of workers.

U.S. delegate slams Soviet rights record

MADRID, Nov. 24 (AP) — The United States urged the Soviet Union Monday to improve its record on human rights and stop playing "that scratchy old record" that such matters are strictly internal affairs.

In a speech at the 35-nation European Security Conference, Jerome Shestack, U.S. representative to the U.N. commission on human rights, called human rights violations a "breeding ground of tension" that must be discussed internationally.

"Surely world events in recent years have dramatically demonstrated that massive human rights violations are not just internal matters, but affect peace and stability," Shestack said. "So let us put aside that scratchy old record called 'The Ballad of Internal Affairs' and get down to serious work."

The security conference is designed to review compliance with human rights and economic accords signed in Helsinki in 1975. It also could result in new proposals, but U.S. delegates have said that without a full review of Soviet actions in recent years, significant new agreements are unlikely. The Soviet Union has asserted that many of the alleged violations — refusal to let Jews emigrate and the jailing of dissidents — are strictly internal matters.

"Since human rights violations are clearly a breeding ground of tension, why not frankly address these tensions, regardless of whether one nation — wrongly in our view — categorizes them as internal matters, or another as external," Shestack said. "Or shall the tension continue and thus undermine détente?"

Shestack accused the Soviet Union of violating accords granting the right of emigration, using "Kafka — like procedures (that) can bewilder and frustrate and discourage."

"Often people are refused permission because they had served in the army and, therefore allegedly had access to classified information even though they completed their army service some 10 years ago," he asserted. "Is that time enough?"

He said Eastern countries had kept families separated through "a maze of procedural obstacles to reunification, numerous whimsical and arbitrary denials and exertion of psychological and material pressures against people requesting exit visas."



INFERNO: Las Vegas firemen, top, inspect the charred interior of the MGM Grand Hotel, which burned Friday killing 85. At bottom, firefighters use an aerial ladder to rescue guests from the upper floors.

\$1m on hand when fire hit Vegas hotel

LAS VEGAS, Nevada Nov. 23 (AP) — There should have been at least \$1 million in cash on hand when fire swept through the MGM Grand Hotel's casino, officials said. But nobody was saying how much — if any — was missing.

Some money, witnesses say, was carried off by casino employees fleeing Friday's fire that killed 83 people and injured more than 500 others. Some employees turned money over to their supervisors. Others may not have been so honest.

Dan Harness of the Las Vegas Police Department expressed concern about the problem. "There's some stealing going on up there," he said. "There's one lady who lost a \$30,000 ring, and we don't know who got it. We won't know how much was lost until later when people go home, look in their suitcases and really see what's missing."

One MGM Grand security guard still clad in his soot-covered uniform was arrested Saturday at the nearby Barbary Coast Hotel. The retired New York police sergeant allegedly had \$600 of still-wet and burned bills in his possession.

Harry Reid, the chairman of the Nevada Gaming Commission, said Sunday he believed the hotel would have had at least \$1 million on hand in the casino cage to pay off gamblers.

"I would imagine it would be over \$1 million. That would be a fair amount," said Reid, who heads the state's powerful gaming control apparatus.

Hotel officials have not said how much money was recovered after the blaze, which destroyed the huge casino. One guest, Thomas Goode of Huntington, New York, was in the casino while the fire was raging.

"Lock up the money. Lock up the money," I heard it shouted several times," said Goode. "It amazed me that they were more concerned about the money than their own lives."

Gaming officials also will check a report that the hotel had a secret, illegal hidden door in the money counting room, Reid said. Hotel workers denied there was a secret door.

Suspect dies in S. Africa police attack

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 24 (AP) — A suspected guerrilla was killed and a child wounded during a shootout with police at a house in the black township of Soweto, the Rand Daily Mail said Monday.

The Johannesburg daily reported that the incident happened Friday morning, but that police requested it to withhold publication because of weekend follow-up operations.

The newspaper quoted a resident of the house as saying that seven policemen banged on the door at 4 a.m. and rushed into the house with flashlights and guns. "Suddenly bullets were flying everywhere," Jacob Mabuza said. "Police hustled my family out of the house. The man (who was a friend of one of the residents) shot at a police and they shot at him."

Mabuza said police cordoned off the house and evacuated neighboring houses.

"It looked as though hundreds of policemen and dozens of patrol cars and vans had flocked to the area," he said, adding that police slit open mattresses and searched wardrobes and other furniture for more weapons and ammunition.



Edgar Tekere

Assault alleged

SALISBURY, Nov. 24 (AP) — Zimbabwe police were investigating allegations that Edgar Tekere, 43, who is minister of manpower, planning and development, assaulted Margaret Tangwena, wife of Senator Pekayi Tangwena, on Sunday afternoon.

"We can confirm that an incident did take place and that it is being investigated," an official spokesman said.

Mrs. Tangwena lodged a formal complaint that the minister assaulted her, the sources said. She was not badly hurt.



ON TRIAL: Jiang Qing, leader of the Gang of Four, adjusts her earphone during the opening of her trial in Peking. This photo was taken from the screen of Japan's NHK television station, which broadcast part of the trial.

600 watch interrogation

'Gang's' pliant half on trial

PEKING, Nov. 24 (AP) — Two compliant members of the radical "Gang of Four" went on trial Monday to answer charges they framed and persecuted their arch enemy — Deng Xiaoping, China's strongman and architect of modernization.

An announcement by the foreign ministry said the trial opened at 3 p.m. Peking time before a special tribunal. "Gang" members Wang Hongwen, former party vice chairman, and Yao Wenyuan, former politburo member, were interrogated before about 600 persons, it said. Their two lawyers were present.

The entire "Gang of Four," who prized revolution over modernization, are accused of denouncing the pragmatic vice chairman Deng in 1974. They labeled him a "counter-revolutionary doubledealer," "a capitalist roader" and "representative of the comprado-bourgeoisie."

They also face charges of framing and persecuting China's beloved late Premier Chou Enlai, who tried to temper the excesses

of the Cultural Revolution. The indictment says that in 1974 the "Gang" told Chairman Mao Tse-tung that Deng, Chou Enlai and others were plotting to seize power. They slandered them, it said, in order to usurp political power.

Foreign observers said Wang and Yao are standing trial first because the other two "Gang members," Jiang Qing and Zhang Chunqiao, are refusing to cooperate and confess. They are said to place responsibility for their actions at the feet of Mao himself.

Because of Jiang Qing's defiant behavior, it is said, the group now is labeled the "Jiang Qing Counterrevolutionary Clique."

Defendant Yao, 49, was a propagandist and polemicist from Shanghai who became a personal adviser to Jiang Qing and a member of the elite politburo of the party. Defendant Wang, 45, was a Shanghai textile worker active in revolutionary politics. He became known as the "rebel Worker" and "The Helicopter" because of his rapid rise to become vice chairman of the party.

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pany Hyundai four years to build, cost \$534 million. The company's president Lee Myung Bak also attended the inaugural ceremony.

Prior to the dedication, the King reviewed an honor guard and a 21-gun salute was fired.

Col. Barakati spoke after the ceremony, mentioning that construction of a new naval academy would begin soon. That facility, he pointed out, would enable all cadets to be trained in the Kingdom.

Col. Barakati also traced the history of Saudi Arabia's naval force. It began as an army unit in 1956, gradually developing from an academy into a training center, and then a small naval base.

The King's ship Al Riyadh was the first vessel in the navy 20 years ago. It still serves. In 1968, the navy expanded to include tor-

pedo and anti-aircraft boats. In 1973, a royal decree specified duties for the naval force and okayed a development project.

That project included setting up command headquarters in Riyadh and naval bases off the Arabian Gulf and Red Sea, as well as the acquisition of vessels of various functions equipped with training, tactical and combat gear.

The project called for training inside and outside the Kingdom, and a communications network to link all the bases with each other and headquarters.

After a speech by base commander Col. Saleh, who called on the country's youth to join the armed forces, units from the paratroops corps and the special naval force paraded past the King's platform.

Kidney patients freed from dialysis burden

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (WP) — A new, do-it-yourself treatment for kidney failure, which eliminates patients' dependence on costly and confining dialysis machines, is being used successfully for 53 patients by Georgetown University doctors.

For a person suffering kidney failure, the new dialysis method means a much freer life. Patients who once spent much of their time attached to a machine that removes waste products from the blood are now able to dialyze themselves, without assistance, while at home or at work.

Those who have used the new method say they feel better and enjoy life more with it than when they were forced to rely on the most common method, outpatient hemodialysis, in which a patient is periodically hooked up to a machine at a treatment center.

"They love it," said Dr. James Winchester, director of the Georgetown program. "The first month they start to notice changes. After two months they really feel great. Most have said, 'If I had to go back on hemodialysis, it would be very difficult.'"

"It's freedom — control over their lives," he said. "They don't have to be linked to a machine for five hours three times a week."

The new technique also promises to reduce health care costs nationally, since it is only about half the price of the hemodialysis. Treatment of kidney failure, which is covered by Medicare, cost the U.S. government approximately \$1 billion in 1979, according to the National Center for Health Technology.

Interest expectations depress pound

LONDON, Nov. 24 (AP) — An expected cut in British government interest rates caused the pound sterling to decline on foreign exchanges Monday morning. The pound fell a cent against the U.S. dollar after losing 2 1/2 cents on Friday amid similar speculation.

The dollar was mixed against other leading currencies, while gold prices were little changed. Britain's chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Geoffrey Howe, was to address the House of Commons Monday afternoon in the

Persons using the method — called continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis, or CAPD — remove fluid wastes from their bodies four times a day by running salt solution in and out of their abdomens through an implanted tube.

The method was developed by Texas physicians in 1977, and Winchester estimates that 10 per cent of the 50,000 dialysis patients in the country now use it.

Conservative government's latest economic measures, expanded to include tax increases and a possible cut in the Bank of England's minimum lending rate which now stands at 16 per cent.

Anticipation of a reduction — just as U.S. banks have raised their prime lending rates to higher levels — caused the pound to fall 5 cents against the dollar last week. It declined further Monday morning to \$2.3468 from \$2.3573 at the close Friday.